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Dear House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee Members,

Equity in Place (EIP) is a diverse group of strategic partners from organizations led by people of color and housing advocacy organizations in the Twin Cities that believe everyone deserves access to opportunity wherever they want to live. As organizations that work to support and uplift the needs of renters and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) we believe in the need for voices of people most impacted by the inequities in our housing system and those most impacted by the health, economic, and housing crises exacerbated by COVID-19 must be centered in discussions and decision making on addressing needs in our communities.

We have created the one page document that is also included in this communication as an articulation of values and policy that we believe state government must implement in order to protect people from the threats of homelessness, displacement, illness, and further economic plight that people are dealing with in the current moment. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Equity in Place

African Career, Education, and Resources, Inc. / Alliance for Metropolitan Stability / Community Stabilization Project / Center for Urban and Regional Affairs / Frogtown Neighborhood Association / HOME Line / Hope Community / Housing Justice Center / Inquilinx Unidxs Por Justicia / Jewish Community Action / Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers / Minnesotans Standing Together to End Poverty and Homelessness / Native American Community Development Institute / New American Development Center / Pueblos de Lucha y Esperanza / Southeast Community Organization / Urban Homeworks / West Side Community Organization

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