



March 20, 2023

Members of the Minnesota House Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC), an organization representing 19 suburban cities in the metropolitan area, we would like to express our support for both HF 302 (Howard) and HF 1667 (Howard).

HF 302 would authorize the issuance of \$750 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds and a \$250 million appropriation in General Obligation Bonds. HF 1667 would expand the eligible uses for Housing Infrastructure Bonds to allow the construction of low-income rental housing to assist the most vulnerable amongst us.

Combined, these two bills will make promising steps in ensuring not only that affordable single-family homes and multifamily units will be built, but also that existing housing infrastructure is preserved and maintained.

Home ownership is one of the most important drivers for building wealth for low and moderate-income households. MLC is supportive of programs that stimulate the development of affordable housing and the passing of these bills and authorization of more bonds will serve as a crucial step in ensuring access to housing for all Minnesotans.

We would like to thank Representative Howard for carrying these two bills and for the committee members' time in consideration of this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Hovland", with a horizontal line underneath.

James Hovland
Mayor, City of Edina
Chair, Municipal Legislative Commission