



March 8, 2023

Dear Chair Howard and Members of the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports HF 1412 -- Howard, which establishes the community stabilization program at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to provide grants and loans to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing through acquisition or rehabilitation.

Metro Cities' policies support housing programs that assist housing development, preservation and maintenance of existing housing stock, including unsubsidized, naturally occurring affordable housing that is affordable to residents throughout the low-to-moderate income range. The creation of this program would support our cities in efforts to preserve this essential housing in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ania McDonnell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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