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The Honorable Alice Hausman, Chair Housing Finance and Policy Committee Minnesota House of Representatives 453 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Michael Howard, Vice Chair Housing Finance and Policy Committee Minnesota House of Representatives 451 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155 The Honorable Tama Theis, GOP Lead Housing Finance and Policy Committee Minnesota House of Representatives 201 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 1060 – Eviction Court Reform Bill

Dear Chair Hausman, Vice Chair Howard, GOP Lead Theis, and Members of the Committee:

Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia (Renters United for Justice) writes in support of HF 1060. As a tenant organization, we have walked with many people through the process of eviction, and know the devastating impacts on peoples' lives. A few factors that contribute to this are:

- The speed of the process doesn't allow families to access the support they need
- The misrepresentation of an eviction as a filing and not the outcome of a hearing is a devastating mark that keeps people from finding housing

We are excited to support this measure of reform, and thank you for scheduling a hearing on this matter.

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