



March 8, 2023

Senator John Marty
Chair, Finance Committee
1200 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Marty and Members of the Committee:

Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition (PN-3) is excited to support SF1367, to increase funding for the Housing Finance Agency. We believe public investments aimed at stabilizing families will promote healthy growth, development and learning in children to positively position them and their families for a future of prosperity.

Research has shown that homelessness has a devastating impact on children and their family. When unhoused, children are at increased risk of health problems, developmental delays, academic underachievement and mental health problems. At the same time, families experiencing homelessness often face numerous barriers to the programs and services that can support the healthy development of their children, including early care and education programs.

This policy leverages existing infrastructure and helps remove obstacles to safe and secure housing for children and families during their most critical years. Please join us in supporting SF 1367 to ensure that Minnesota's children and their families have a strong start in life.

Thank you,

Deb Fitzpatrick,
Children's Defense Funds-MN,
Co-Chair

Nancy Jost,
West Central Initiative,
Co-Chair

Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn,
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