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Chair Wiklund

Members of the Health & Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Wiklund and members of the Health & Human Services Committee,

HOPE (Healing Opportunity Provided Equally) is writing to express support for SF388. HOPE is a non-profit organization located in Aitkin, MN. Here at HOPE, we aid those who are fleeing domestic violence. Our Facility consists of three emergency housing units that at times also act as transitional housing until permanent housing is found for the client. In the past we have received funding for our transitional housing as well as for our emergency housing apartment units and for that we are eternally grateful. Not only are our clients healing and flourishing, but so is the community that surrounds us all because of SF388. In the past we have also been assisted in expanding bed capacity, facilities upgrades, repairs and maintenance of units as well, which not only make this a safe place for those in need but also a home to all who need it. Our organization wouldn't be what it is today without the help we have received from legislation and programs like the Pathway Home Act. We will forever be thankful for what SF388 has done for our organization as well as our whole state.

We thankfully applaud the leadership for not only bringing this bill forward but also for helping to bring an end to homelessness to Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Brooke Lyytinen

Housing Navigator