

February 1st, 2023
Chair Wiklund
Senate Health & Human Services Committee

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

On behalf of the Homes for All coalition, we write in support of SF388, the Pathway Home Act. Homes for All is a coalition of over 270 endorsing organizations from across the state that advocates for affordable, safer, and more stable housing. Our coalition represents the full continuum of housing, from services for people experiencing homelessness, to permanent supportive housing, to affordable rental options, to homeownership opportunities for Minnesotans.

SF388 provides critical resources needed to address homelessness and housing instability across the state. We want to highlight four items that are included in our 2023 Homes for All legislative agenda:

- **\$150 million for Emergency Shelter Facilities**
Funding for emergency shelters was designated as a top priority for our coalition this session. We are excited to see \$150 million for shelter capital and facilities included in SF388, which will increase the availability of emergency shelter beds statewide.
- **Additional ongoing funding for Emergency Services Program (ESP) and Homeless Youth Act**
ESP and Homeless Youth Act provide flexible funding to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness in each community by supporting shelters, outreach, motel vouchers, housing navigators, and other key resources and services. By providing ongoing funding increases for these programs, Minnesota can stabilize our emergency shelter system and scale our services to meet the ever-growing needs statewide.
- **Funding for Chosen Family Hosting**
Chosen Family Hosting will ensure young people are safely and stably housed with a caring individual in their life. The funding provided in SF388 for this program will help young people avoid homelessness.

The bold investments in SF388 can and will make a lasting impact on Minnesotans and help us move the needle on addressing and mitigating homelessness across the state. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
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