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Chair Lindsey Port  
Members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee  
Minnesota Senate  
3213 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Port:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter in favor of Commissioner Jennifer Ho's reappointment as Commissioner of Minnesota Housing.

The Family Housing Fund is a non-profit organization building on a 43-year legacy of helping communities meet their affordable housing needs. We have invested more than \$250 million of private capital in the continuum of housing in the metro area and have advanced innovations that help our neighbors maintain housing stability. For example, our work in eviction prevention pre COVID helped our region and state adapt to the rapidly changing landscape after March 2020. Since then, the Family Housing Fund has worked collaboratively with partners on programs such as emergency rental assistance as we all confronted the impacts of COVID.

As we start 2023 and look ahead toward future years, our housing challenges are different and some may say, more urgent. Too many Minnesotans are confronted with housing costs that are beyond their means and homeownership is beyond the grasp of many. We need the steady, consistent leadership at Minnesota Housing to keep building on the learnings of the past three years and aspiring to innovations that will eliminate racial disparities in housing, close the homeownership gap between white and BIPOC Minnesotans and ensure that all Minnesotans have an affordable, dignified place to call home.

Commissioner Ho is the right person to lead Minnesota Housing at this critical time. Commissioner Ho is a leader with the vision and collaborative spirit that will propel the State forward with a bold housing action plan that can create housing stability and opportunity for all Minnesotans. I support Commissioner Ho's confirmation to lead Minnesota Housing at this critical time.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sahli  
President