Chair Port and Members of the Senate Committee:

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Minnesota is extremely fortunate to have an award-winning Commissioner of Housing with Jennifer Ho. As Chair of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency board, I regularly see her dedication in both pushing for affordable housing or homes for the homeless and to go bigger! Commissioner Ho has brought her own experiences and emphasis to Minnesota Housing with a strong push for bigger and bolder goals. The growth of the agency financially in the past year has also been very impressive. Having served on the MHFA board for longer than Commissioner Ho's term, I have been able to see a tremendous growth in the results of the organization. The goals have been high and but the goals have been met. I would strongly encourage the confirmation of Jennifer Ho as Commissioner of Housing for the state.

If there are any questions or need to speak further in regard to the commissioner's work, please contact me at 507-829-5612 or <a href="mailto:jidecramer@charter.net">jidecramer@charter.net</a>.

Regards

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