



January 12, 2023

Senator Lindsey Port  
Minnesota State Senate  
Housing and Homeless Prevention Committee

Dear Chair Port:

I write in strong support of the confirmation of Jennifer Ho as Commissioner of Minnesota Housing in my capacity as executive director of the National Council of State Housing Agencies, (NCSHA) the nonpartisan professional trade association of the country's state housing finance agencies.

Under Commissioner Ho's leadership since late 2018, Minnesota Housing has been recognized consistently as one of the leading housing finance agencies in the nation

In the last several years, Minnesota Housing has won NCSHA's highest honor, our Annual Award for Program Excellence, on three occasions. Last year the agency was honored for its innovative eviction diversion program. In 2020, the agency was recognized for its efforts to cut red tape and leverage resources from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to invest in the rehabilitation and preservation of smaller rental properties throughout rural Minnesota.

In 2019, Minnesota Housing received the NCSHA Annual Award for Program Excellence for its comprehensive outreach with real estate industry groups and community-based organizations to increase homeownership among people of color in Minnesota.

Jennifer herself is a leader among her peers, elected unanimously to serve on NCSHA's Board of Directors. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board. Her lifelong commitment to equity, razor-sharp policy intelligence, superb management skills, and deep personal empathy make her as cherished a colleague as she is respected.

Please contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

Regards,

Stockton Williams  
Executive Director

cc: Housing and Homeless Prevention Committee Members