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Chair Lindsey Port
3213 Minnesota Senate Building
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RE: S.F. 609

Dear Chair Port and Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee members,

Local Housing Trust Funds are a proven tool that local communities can implement to respond to local housing needs. Trust Funds are flexible, adaptable, and easily deployable. I urge lawmakers to partner with us and support our initiatives by providing state matching funds to help us maximize and leverage our local investments.

Through the City of Alexandria's LHTF the HRA has assisted home buyers with down payment assistance when purchasing a home, and also assisted homeowners with rehabilitating their current homes.

State partnership, through SF609's State Match for LHTFs, is important to enhancing existing investments by cities and incentivizing others to take the next step in dedicating funds to housing solutions. I urge the committee to support our local investments and tailored, creative solutions.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hess
Executive Director
Alexandria HRA



"Promote and provide affordable housing solutions and community development programs through public and private partnerships".