

February 20, 2023

Senator Lindsey Port  
Chair of the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention

Re: SF 819 and SF 430

Dear Members of the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee,

Safe, secure and sustained affordable housing is a critical foundation for stability in all other areas of life, such as employment, education, and health. Access to affordable housing is vital for the wellbeing of all residents of Minneapolis. It is critical that barriers to securing stable and affordable housing are overcome. Recognizing that an individual's housing needs may change over time or due to circumstance, are parts of the housing continuum that are important to maintain, invest in and support. It is also important for property owners to maintain rental homes in safe and healthy conditions for tenants and for there to be fair business practices in rental housing.

Minnesota law states that landlords must give tenants "reasonable notice" to enter their apartments for non-emergency reasons. The City of Minneapolis supports a 24-hour minimum notice from the landlord prior to entering a tenant's home. In addition, the City is also supportive of establishing source of income protection for Minneapolis renters.

These tenant protection bills will positively benefit renters not only in the City of Minneapolis, but across the state. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of these important pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,



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