



March 22, 2023

Members of the Minnesota Senate Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC), an organization representing 19 suburban cities in the metropolitan area, we would like to express our support for SF 1093.

The MLC strongly supports the following provisions of SF 1093:

- Investments in Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB)
- Housing Cost Reduction Incentive Program
- Investments in the Challenge Program
- Appropriations to Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH)
- Local Housing Trust Fund Grants
- Pilot Program for Housing Infrastructure Grants

Our Association strongly supports significant state investments to address the multitude of housing needs facing our residents. We believe that robust state investments will bolster local efforts to increase the preservation of existing affordable housing while simultaneously supporting new developments. The MLC also supports providing financing programs such as down payment assistance to first-generation home buyers to ensure all Minnesotans have access to housing.

The MLC would like to thank committee members and Senator Port for her leadership in the housing area and her willingness to support what will be significant life changing investments for the people of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Hovland", with a horizontal line underneath.

James Hovland  
Mayor, City of Edina  
Chair, Municipal Legislative Commission