

March 14, 2023

Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Sen. Dziedzic's SF 1340 and Sen. Jasinski's SF 1623, repealing the expiration of the historic structure rehabilitation credit.

Minnesota Realtors® was founded in 1919 and is a statewide business trade association with a membership of over 22,000 real estate professionals working with buyers and sellers of all types of property every day.

Minnesota Realtors® supports policies that recognize the importance of both marketrate housing and housing affordability, and the historic structure rehabilitation credit has supported and encouraged private investment in housing over the past decade.

The University of Minnesota Extension's January 2023 report, "Economic Impact of Projects Leveraged by the Minnesota Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit: Fiscal Year 2022," cited several benefits of historic structure rehabilitation projects including, "...providing a sense of place, strengthening communities and continuity, efficiently using resources, preserving craftsmanship, improving aging neighborhoods and assets, diversifying housing options, and encouraging creative new uses of existing spaces."

The report also highlighted how projects completed since FY 2011, "...generated \$5.9 billion in economic activity...and supported 29,570 jobs."

Thank you again for your consideration of bills that would repeal the expiration of the historic structure rehabilitation credit.

Sincerely,

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