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**Re: Bridge to Shelter Act (SF 4018)**

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Dear Chair Wiklund and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of Align Minneapolis in support of the Bridge to Shelter Act (SF 4018). Align Minneapolis is an interfaith coalition of 18 member congregations and people with lived experience working to address homelessness together. We are grounded in the belief that everyone deserves safe, dignified and affordable housing.

Bill SF 4018 will make it possible for coordinated strategies and services that are effective at helping people exit homelessness into housing to continue and for those strategies and services to go farther. As faith communities we have seen how things like 24/7 shelter, meeting people where they are in the community to connect them with housing, housing case management, and listening to people with lived experiences of homelessness can work to get folks housed who have been experiencing the trauma of many months to years of homelessness.

Thank you for scheduling this hearing and for working to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
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