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Senator Zaynab Mohamed
2103 Minnesota Senate Building
Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Representative Sandra Feist
409 State Office Building
Minnesota House of Representatives
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Senator Mohamed and Representative Feist,

I write to express Simpson's support for SF 4018/HF 3971 (Bridge to Shelter Act), legislation that would provide much needed funding for Minnesota's homelessness response system. The \$60 million authorized in the bill will help further build out the system of supports with agencies like Simpson.

The work of our agency centers around building relationships with Minnesotans facing some of the direst circumstances of their lives. We partner with our guests as they navigate challenging systems on the pathway back to stable housing.

Crisis response services, shelter, diversion, outreach, and housing-focused case management are vital to the program success, all eligible under the Bridge to Shelter Act.

Thanks to champions like yourselves, we have been trending in a positive direction in recent years. The COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented funding in rental and housing assistance also played a significant role. With that assistance gone, we would be unable to sustain our efforts and services we provide in ending homelessness. SF 4018/HF 3971 would mitigate that gap of funding and resources and would help continue our efforts in taking care of some of our most vulnerable population in our state.

Thank you for your important work in our legislature and for advancing this legislation.

Respectfully,

Steve Horsfield,
Executive Director

Our mission is to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

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