



Greater Saint Paul Building Owners & Managers Association

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Dear Senator Marty:

I am writing to you today in my capacity as President of the Greater Saint Paul Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) to thank you for your leadership and to urge you to do all you can to pass SF 4779 this year.

Our 300+ members fully support Heading Home Ramsey's request for \$75 million over five years to accomplish:

1. Continued shelter operation for single adults, including expanded women's shelter options.
2. Continued shelter and additional supports for families.
3. Continued operation of day shelters and services.
4. Outreach, diversion, system improvements and extreme weather support.

More than 25 families in Ramsey County are on the waiting list for emergency shelter, and the 2023 Point-in-Time count conducted last January found over 350 people sleeping outside. It is our moral imperative to care for the unsheltered and to provide safe housing so that people are not forced to sleep on the street or within the skyways.

As St. Paul BOMA members strive to bring employees back to work and welcome new investors into our capitol city, it is imperative we find humane solutions for our unsheltered community and take property managers out of the social service roles they are currently forced to fill.

Sincerely,

Tina Gassman
President, Greater Saint Paul BOMA

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