

Senate Housing and Homelessness  
Prevention Committee  
3213 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155



Dear Chair Port and Members of the Committee,

April 9, 2024

The Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) is an association of nonprofit community development organizations and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) committed to expanding the wealth and resources of communities through housing opportunities and economic development initiatives. MCCD's mission to build strong and stable communities can only be achieved by addressing the harms and inequities that have shaped housing and economic development policies at every level of government. These policies have prevented Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and other communities from achieving housing stability, accessing capital, and building generational wealth.

**We ask that you support SF 2040 and continue to support Minnesotans through the Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP).**

FHPAP is a critically important program that provides supportive services and financial assistance to households experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. By providing direct assistance, this program allows families to stabilize their housing without being evicted or having to go into homelessness. In Minnesota, eviction filings have increased 44% relative to the pre-COVID filing rate. In 2023, 24,211 evictions were filed, indicating an 8% increase in filings from 2022 to 2023. By supporting this bill and investing in FHPAP, we can ensure that families experiencing housing instability do not go into homelessness.

We appreciate the committee's consideration of SF 2040, and we ask that you support \$10 million in funding for FHPAP this session. With this new investment, we can support an additional 3,300 families across the state, and ensure that those families do not experience the trauma of homelessness.

Thank you for your time and consideration. MCCD and our members would like to make ourselves available for any additional information to best help inform your decisions. Please reach out to Kelly Law, Senior Policy and Field Building Advisor at MCCD, 612-814-0760 or [klaw@mccdmn.org](mailto:klaw@mccdmn.org), should you need any further information now or throughout the legislative session.

Sincerely,

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