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Senator Melissa Wiklund  
Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Re: Family Supportive Housing Services Bill (SF 1732)

Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Catholic Charities Twin Cities to express support for SF 1732, the Family Supportive Housing Services bill. This bill would directly help families experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing funding for supportive housing services.

Family supportive housing is critical to ending homelessness for families. Services provided in supportive housing settings, such as childcare, case management, employment services, mental health support, and assistance with life skills provide relief from the exhausting cycle of survival. This stability allows parents and guardians to focus on creating a path forward.

As one of Minnesota's major providers of Permanent Supportive Housing, Catholic Charities houses and supports nearly 1,000 of some the most vulnerable members of our community. Ensuring there is adequate funding for Family Supportive Housing will strengthen the homelessness prevention and affordable housing continuum – a strong continuum is good for all providers and most importantly, our neighbors, including families, who are most in need.

Your support of SF 1732 will help families exit housing insecurity and provide the stability children need to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie Verbrugge  
President and CEO