



March 12, 2025

Re: Support for SF2124

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

On behalf of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA), we are writing in support of SF2124 – Senator Mohamed. SF2124 would make a crucial investment in shelter and responses to homelessness while building out opportunities to increase capacity and develop the use of intervention best practices across the state.

Counties support a regional approach to ending unsheltered homelessness across the state of Minnesota. Through a variety of programs and services implemented at the county level, our members work to ensure that individual and families can access supports that prevent homelessness. However, we know that homelessness continues to be a persistent issue no matter where you live. Each local community faces their own unique circumstances and challenges, and this bill would provide essential resources to help us work with partners to respond to our residents' needs and increase community stability.

SF2124 would provide grant funds to support counties in implementing best practice interventions in our communities, filling gaps in available resources that limit our ability to respond effectively in each of our contexts. It would also allow for collaborations with local community providers. As we serve residents through county services, we are well positioned to direct state investments into shelter and services that can help Minnesotans get stabilized and housed. This bill would provide essential, flexible resources to help counties in that work, while building capacity to explore and implement the most effective interventions in reducing homelessness.

As the state's partners in delivering human services to address the needs of our state's most vulnerable, we ask you to support SF2124 as it would empower counties as we work to respond to homelessness and increase the housing stability of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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