



January 21, 2025

Senator Eric Lucero
Co-Chair, Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee
2413 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Lindsay Port
Co-Chair, Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee
3213 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Honoring Senator Kari Dziedzic

Dear Senators Lucero and Port and members of the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention,

MHP is grateful for the opportunity to honor Senator Kari Dziedzic for her commitment to affordable homes, and the housing needs of her constituents and residents across the state of Minnesota. I am especially grateful for my time with Senator Dziedzic, whom I worked with as a Minneapolis Council Member and during my time at MHP.

I had the pleasure of knowing Senator Dziedzic from her time as a policy aide in Hennepin County, and as the daughter of my friend and colleague Walter Dziedzic, a well-known Minneapolis politician. At Hennepin County and as a Senator, she was always known as a “go to” person and for her ability to get results – due to her focus and natural ability to find solutions by working with others. Minneapolis city colleagues referred to her as a “rock star” for her willingness to take on tough issues and find a way forward.

Senator Dziedzic was a lawmaker with the respect of both her elected colleagues and the staff she worked with. She was interested in the details of policy proposals, approached issues with curiosity, and had what felt like a never-ending capacity to not only carry bills but champion them - gaining the support of key colleagues and developing smart strategy.

It is hard to think of a housing issue in the last several years that wasn’t influenced by Senator Dziedzic – a whole-hearted effort that she applied to just about every issue that she decided to take on. When on the housing committee she was always available to housing advocates, offering both blunt assessments and encouragement – whatever it took to motivate us!

Senator Dziedzic was very beloved, because she cared for the people she worked with and the issues she worked for. Along with so many others, I offer my appreciation for the gifts and the grit Senator Dziedzic brought to her work on behalf of the State of Minnesota.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Glidden".

Elizabeth Glidden
Deputy Executive Director