

**MLC Cities**

Apple Valley
Bloomington
Burnsville
Chanhassen
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Edina
Golden Valley
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Prior Lake
Rosemount
Shakopee
Shoreview
Woodbury

February 10, 2025

Dear Members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee:

As a coalition of 18 cities representing nearly one million residents across the seven-county metropolitan region, the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC) strongly urges your support for SF 203 (Port), authorizing the issuance of housing infrastructure bonds (HIBs). This critical legislation will help address urgent housing needs in our communities.

Since 2012, HIBs have been a vital tool for financing affordable housing in Minnesota, particularly in supporting projects that serve households at 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). By expanding HIB availability, SF 203 will strengthen investment in affordable housing across the state, including in MLC cities. With Minnesota facing a critical housing shortage, especially for lower-income residents, this expansion is crucial to create and preserve affordable housing options.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of SF 203, a critical step in addressing Minnesota's affordable housing needs.

Sincerely,

James Hovland
Chair, MLC
Mayor, City of Edina