



February 11, 2025

Chair Port and Members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee,

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan area at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to support SF 203 – Port. This bill would provide \$400 million in General Obligation bonds to provide affordable housing across the region.

The state is a vital participant in appropriating funds for housing, including direct funding, incentives, and initiatives to advance affordable housing and housing appropriate for people at all stages of life. Current resource levels are insufficient to meet the spectrum of needs in the metropolitan region. The addition of \$400 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds will provide a critical source of funding for cities to maintain and increase their supply of affordable housing. Metro Cities supports the preservation and increase of these resources to sustain needed housing throughout the metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Ania' and last name 'McDonnell' clearly distinguishable.

Ania McDonnell
Government Relations Specialist