



February 18, 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 comment on SF 672 – Mohamed and SF 830 – Boldon.

SF 672 would provide funding for a statewide tenant education and hotline service, where Minnesota renters could access free and confidential legal advice. SF 830 would provide funding for a statewide housing mediation program to support both renters and residential property owners. This program would provide eviction prevention, mediation, and navigation services. The program would also support housing stability for seniors and renters with disabilities and illnesses who face housing instability, among many other important services.

Metro Cities' policies support state tenant protection policies to support access to affordable housing and housing stability for tenants. Metro Cities supports housing stability for renters through policies that mitigate the impact of or reduce the number of evictions filed. These bills would be beneficial to renters and residential property owners to ensuring tenants are supported and have access to housing stability.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ania McDonnell
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