



February 19, 2025

RE: SF 0906 (Port), SF 1227 (Draheim), SF 1512 (Putnam) & SF 1339 (Hauschild)

Dear Chair Port, Lead Lucero and Members of the Committee,

The Greater Minnesota Housing Fund is Minnesota's largest housing focused Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI). We support the creation of strong communities and affordable homes through strategic investments and effective partnerships. We work in all 87 Minnesota counties and are committed to addressing the housing needs of Minnesotans in under-served areas including cities, towns, rural areas, and Tribal nations.

GMHF works directly with Minnesota communities to support their local housing needs, which is why we support SF 0906 (Port), SF 1227 (Draheim), SF 1512 (Putnam) and SF 1339 (Hauschild). Each of these bills represents an important tool in the State's toolbox to increase the necessary infrastructure and supply of all types of housing across the state of Minnesota. Whether investing in the public infrastructure necessary to build more affordable housing, housing subsidy, or developing new senior housing to allow community members to age in place and thereby freeing up housing for new homeowners, continued State support for these programs represent essential resources for the production of housing, especially as construction costs and interest rates remain high.

These resources are particularly important in Greater Minnesota where the lack of workforce and affordable housing continues to limit many communities' ability to grow and thrive. We ask for your support on these important pieces of legislation and welcome the opportunity to work with you to continue to support housing across the State of Minnesota.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Brennan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Brennan
President and CEO