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Chair Port  
Members of the  
Senate Housing and  
Homelessness Committee

Dear Chair Port,

As the founder and past CEO of Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF) and a veteran administrator of local government planning and development under multiple St Paul Mayors, I am writing to express my support of the recommendations put forward from the **Task Force on Long-Term Sustainability of Affordable Housing**.

This important report provides a thoughtful analysis of the current challenges facing owners and operators of affordable housing, and offers actionable policy and funding recommendations to address this stabilization of our state's affordable housing and the need for long-term, sustainable solutions to ensure that all Minnesotans, including those households with the greatest needs, have access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

Affordable housing is a truly a statewide need, affecting working families, seniors, and individuals across all communities.

As the report outlines, the affordability gap continues to widen, putting many at risk of displacement and homelessness if our existing affordable housing is put at risk.

The recommendations provided, including increased funding for affordable housing preservation and policy changes to alleviate barriers to affordable housing preservation, are essential to tackling our state's housing needs and protecting Minnesotans from loss of home and stability.

I strongly urge you to consider and support the implementation of the taskforce's recommendations, *specifically those that aim to preserve the state's existing affordable and supportive housing stock*.

By doing so, we are ensuring the long-term stewardship of Minnesota taxpayer investments and safeguarding the affordable homes that many Minnesotans rely on.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing this pressing issue. I look forward to seeing the positive changes that will come from this important work.

Sincerely,

Warren Hanson