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Chair Port and members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Committee,

Dear Chair Port,

I am a retiree, after a very gratifying 45-year career in the affordable housing field, most recently as President of the Family Housing Fund. I am writing to express my fervent support for the recommendations put forward by the Task Force on Long-Term Sustainability of Affordable Housing.

I was proud to have a role in the extraordinary Minnesota public-private partnership that has provided thousands of safe, decent, affordable homes to those struggling to keep pace with the sharp rises in cost of private market housing. This resource is making a decisive difference in the lives of so many low and moderate income families as well as single and elderly persons. Also, this housing has contributed to the communities where it is located, as well as the State of Minnesota economy.

In thinking back on my time as a member of this partnership, I think especially of the children, including the many who would otherwise experience the horror of homelessness. I also remember with admiration, how often of this progress reflected a frequent, milestone bi-partisan effort.

The Task Force report is another example of Minnesota's special partnership approach, showing the widespread awareness of the need for the investment that will preserve these thousands of affordable homes as they age. The recommendations represent best-practice, cost-effective measures that are not only essential to the well-being of Minnesota families, but also make good business sense. Thank you!



Sincerely,
Tom Fulton