



March 31, 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, appreciates the opportunity to support SF 2298 – Port, as amended by the A2 amendment.

State funding is a major and necessary component for the provision of housing. Metro Cities policies support increased, sustainable, and adequate state funding for new and existing housing programs that support life cycle, workforce and affordable housing, address homeownership disparities, and address foreclosure mitigation, among others.

Metro Cities appreciates and supports resources in the bill that provide funding for vital state programs for housing across the region and state. These include funding for the Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program, the Community Based First Generation Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance program, and the Homebuyer Education, Counseling, and Training (HECAT) program.

These programs and funding are critical to supporting cities in addressing the need for additional affordable housing across the metropolitan region.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ania McDonnell'.

Ania McDonnell
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