



April 1, 2025

Dear Chair Hoffman and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the seven-county metropolitan region, appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 2443 (Hoffman), as amended by the A5 Amendment.

Metro Cities supports Article 1, Section 1, that repeals existing exceptions to the quarter mile spatial separation requirement between residential programs newly licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and includes existing assisted living facilities (with six or fewer residents) in the spatial separation requirement. Metro Cities also supports Article 2, Section 25, which contains similar separation requirements for assisted living facilities newly licensed by the Department of Health (MDH).

Residential group homes are an important component of the metropolitan region's housing stock and provide vital support for residents. City officials support the services that residential programs provide and have an interest in ensuring residents are integrated into the communities in which they live. Cities are also interested in preserving balance between residential programs and other uses in neighborhoods. Appropriate non-concentration standards for newly licensed residential programs can help achieve these goals.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

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