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The Honorable John Marty
Minnesota Senate
St. Paul, MN

Dear Senator Marty,

On behalf of Project for Pride in Living (PPL), we are writing to express our strong support for S.F. 3595 as it moves to the Senate Finance Committee and to urge your leadership in advancing this critical measure.

For more than 50 years, PPL has partnered with Minnesota families to ensure they have a stable place to live and a real opportunity to thrive. Today, we operate more than 1,800 units of affordable housing across the Twin Cities, including permanent supportive housing for individuals and families exiting homelessness.

For households moving out of homelessness, housing alone is not enough. Fully funded, reliable case management services are essential to help people stabilize, remain housed, and move forward. We see the impact of these services every day. At PPL, over 90% percent of households in our supportive housing programs achieve housing stability for 24 months. Permanent supportive housing works and it is one of the most cost-effective tools we have to prevent and end homelessness.

Despite its proven success, supportive housing services are held together by a patchwork of unpredictable funding from federal, state, local, and philanthropic sources. Federal Continuum of Care (CoC) funding is a critical part of that system. At PPL, CoC funding represents approximately $1.9 million annually, or nearly 30 percent of our supportive housing services budget.

Recent federal policy changes have put that funding at risk, creating immediate uncertainty for providers and the families we serve. Even short-term disruptions to service funding have serious consequences. When services disappear, housing stability is jeopardized, and families are far more likely to lose their homes and return to homelessness at significant human and public cost.

S.F. 3595 provides an urgent and necessary response. The bill allows $9 million in already-appropriated funds to be used now to stabilize supportive housing while federal funding issues remain unresolved. These dollars are not new spending - they are resources the state has already committed, and they are needed immediately to prevent harm.

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We cannot afford to lose a single dollar in Minnesota's fragile housing stability system. If these funds are not deployed quickly, people will lose their homes, and progress made over years of investment and partnership will be undone.

Our request is simple and urgent: please support S.F. 3595 and help ensure these critical funds reach supportive housing providers without delay. We also encourage the Legislature to use this session to address the broader CoC funding cliff facing Minnesota so that families and providers are not placed in this position again next year.

Thank you for your longstanding commitment to housing stability and for your leadership on issues that affect Minnesota's most vulnerable residents. We appreciate your consideration and welcome the opportunity to provide additional information or perspective.

Sincerely,

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