



March 3, 2020

Rep. Paul Marquart, Chair
House Taxes Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Chair Marquart,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the funding for workforce housing in HF2601 - Schultz. Metro Cities' policies support a variety of housing opportunities in addition to increasing housing choice in the metro region.

There is a need for more housing units that are affordable to the metro region's workforce. The region's cities have identified additional resources for housing as a key priority for communities. Rep. Schultz's bill provides a mechanism for funding the Workforce and Affordable Homeownership Development Program. While other workforce housing funds limit eligibility to only some regions of the state, this program has statewide eligibility.

Metro Cities strongly supports additional housing resources for Minnesota families and continued funding of existing state housing programs. HF2601 provides additional resources to meet the growing need for housing that is affordable to Minnesotans.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charlie Vander Aarde'.

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