

Senate & House Working Group on Taxes
Attn: Senator Carla Nelson and Representative Paul Marquart



June 16, 2021

Dear Chair Nelson, Chair Marquart and Members of the Taxes Working Group,

Homes for All would like to thank you for the inclusion of investments, along the affordable housing continuum, including new investments in the Omnibus Tax Bill. Since the Homes for All coalition formed a decade ago, the statewide need for affordable housing across the continuum has only grown. We have increasing numbers of unhoused people around our state, thousands of workers cannot afford or find a stable home near their place of employment, and affordable homeownership is even further out of reach – especially for our Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Our coalition has grown to 270+ organizations reaching every corner of the state and representing non-profits, direct service providers, faith communities, the private sector, local municipalities, and philanthropic organizations - all working in unison to amplify statewide affordable housing needs at the Capitol.

In the past few years, Homes for All and our members have done more advocacy and engagement with the Taxes Committees and we are extremely thankful for your leadership to get the below investments into the final 2021 Tax Bill.

1. Affordable Housing Tax Credit
2. 4d Tax Classification Reset and 2-year Freeze
3. Homeless Youth Prevention Credit to Counties

As you know, Minnesota was in an affordable housing crisis long before the COVID-19 pandemic – these investments through the final bill are a great way to start making progress on addressing this crisis and ensuring housing stability for everyone across Minnesota.

We know that where we live impacts everything. Home is where children learn, workers earn and how communities thrive. The Homes for All coalition is available for any additional information you may need. Please reach out to the policy co-chairs, Zack Eichten (651-829-0888), Michael Dahl (651-336-5902) or Kari Johnson (612-387-6398) should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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