



Dear Chair Lislegard, and Members, House Property Tax Division:

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities in the metropolitan region, appreciates the opportunity to comment on bills before the House Property Tax Division that in varied ways, modify thresholds and expand benefits for certain state direct property tax relief programs. These bills include HF 700-Youakim, HF 1506-Lislegard, HF 1323-Agbaje, and HF 1422- Wolgamott.

Metro Cities policies support state property tax relief programs that are paid directly to homeowners, including the “circuit breaker” program, targeted programs, and the renter’s credit program. Metro Cities supports these bills in their efforts to expand the reach and benefit of direct property tax relief programs to better assist taxpayers across the metropolitan region and state.

Metro Cities also wishes to express its support for HF 1504-Norris, that would increase the homestead threshold value and exclusion benefit. The modifications in this bill recognize rapidly increasing home values and the challenges for property taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Nauman'.

Patricia Nauman
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Metro Cities