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Minnesota Tax Expenditure Review Commission
Minnesota Legislative Budget Office
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Minnesota Affordable Housing Tax Credit

Dear Members of the Tax Expenditure Review Commission:

On behalf of Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF), I am writing in support of continuing Minnesota's Affordable Housing Tax Credit and State Housing Tax Credit Contribution Program.

As a statewide nonprofit housing intermediary, lender, investor, and Community Development Financial Institution, GMHF sees firsthand the need for flexible financing tools that attract additional private resources to housing development.

Early experience points to strong demand for this program. All available tax credits for 2026 were allocated within approximately two hours, demonstrating significant interest in using the program to support housing investment. The credit provides a valuable mechanism for businesses, individuals, and other contributors to direct private resources toward housing needs across Minnesota.

The program is particularly valuable in Greater Minnesota, where housing shortages can constrain workforce recruitment, retention, and business investment. The Edge in Thief River Falls is a 65-unit workforce housing development by D.W. Jones was supported by a $3.5 million contribution from DigiKey through the State Housing Tax Credit Contribution Program, along with tax increment financing from the City of Thief River Falls. The project demonstrates how the program can engage a major local employer in addressing a community housing need while supporting the workforce necessary for continued economic growth.

Minnesota continues to face significant housing needs alongside rising development costs and persistent financing gaps. Continued operation of the program will provide a stronger record for evaluating the program's housing outcomes, geographic reach, and ability to leverage private investment.

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund respectfully encourages the Commission to recommend continuation of the Minnesota Affordable Housing Tax Credit and allow this new tool the time necessary to demonstrate its full value to Minnesota communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrea Brennan

President and CEO

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund