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The Honorable Esther Agbaje
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Tax Expenditure Review Committee Evaluation of State Housing Tax Credit

Dear Co-Chair Agbaje, Co-Chair Davids, and members of the Tax Expenditure Review Committee: The State Housing Tax Credit and Contribution Fund (SHTC)—approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2021 and launched by Minnesota Housing as a program in 2023—has in a few short years become a signature success story, incentivizing hundreds of contributions by individuals and businesses to create dozens of affordable homes in their communities. We urge lawmakers to *vote to continue* this expenditure.

The SHTC is a straightforward and flexible program, initiated by a large coalition of businesses, local government, and housing leaders across Minnesota. It works well in urban, suburban, and rural communities. It has helped create single family homes and multifamily rental housing, homeownership opportunities, and deeply affordable homes for households earning less than 50% of AMI. At a time when demand for affordable homes significantly outpaces available resources, we need dedicated, predictable funding like the SHTC program.

The State Housing Tax Credit is a bipartisan success that empowers families, expands housing choice, and strengthens local economies. Please vote to continue this successful tool that works well for Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metropolitan area.

Sincerely,



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