



March 3, 2026

Chair Port and Members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee,

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan region at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 2621-Mohamed, which would propose seeking an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution for the purposes of increasing the state sales and use tax rate by three-eighths of one percent for the purposes of funding housing programs.

While Metro Cities strongly supports state resources for affordable housing, workforce and lifecycle housing, rental assistance, housing preservation and other housing needs, Metro Cities supports the principle of representative democracy and as such opposes funding state programs through constitutional amendments, as these limit flexibility by the Legislature as well as the state's local governments, to respond to unanticipated needs or fluctuating economic conditions.

We look forward to working with the committee in addressing housing needs in the metropolitan region and state.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ania McDonnell
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