WHERE WE LIVE IMPACTS EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES; the jobs we can access, the education our children receive and the wellbeing of our growing senior population.

In Minnesota, no full-time employee should have to choose between paying his rent or filling his prescriptions. No working mother should have to cut back on food for her children to make the mortgage. But that’s a daily reality for more than 580,000 Minnesota households who pay more than 30% of their income on housing and don’t have enough left over to make ends meet to cover basic necessities, like transportation and groceries.

To make our communities strong, we need Homes for All.

At all stages in life – but especially for seniors – stable housing is vital to health and wellness.

Workers are productive and businesses thrive when employees have access to affordable housing options.

Students attend and achieve in school when they have a safe, reliable place to go at night to do homework and rest up for another day in the classroom.

There isn’t one kind of housing that fits the needs of every Minnesotan. From a homeless veteran to a first-time homebuyer, we must address the full spectrum of housing needs in communities across Minnesota. Homes for All advocates for state investments that leverage local, federal and private resources to:

- Prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter & improve stability for homeless and highly mobile students
- Build and preserve affordable housing & provide rental assistance to kids and families
- Prepare first-time homebuyers and provide down-payment assistance to families with low to moderate incomes

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$140 million in bonds (H.F. 3125 | S.F. 2939)

to create supportive rental housing, preserve housing with existing federal investments, promote homeownership through community land trusts, and make improvements to the state’s public housing. Homes for All also requests that senior and manufactured housing be included as eligible uses for bonds.

$110 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds

+ $30 million in General Obligation Bonds

$140 million in bonding would develop or preserve housing for **4,650 households** across MN and support **2,000 MN jobs** working directly on housing projects and for suppliers

$10 million in appropriations

$6 million in appropriations to MHFA (H.F. 3474 | S.F. 3238) to

» Incentivize the creation of Local Housing Trust Funds

» Support students of homeless and highly mobile families through Homework Starts at Home

» Ensure that homeless Minnesotans dealing with mental health concerns receive support through Bridges

$4 million to Health and Human Services (H.F. 3402 | S.F. 3175) to

» Prevent homelessness by investing in Housing with Support Services and Group Residential Housing rental assistance programs

Policy changes

» Reinstate the renters credit to manufactured homeowners in resident-owned communities

» Expand workforce homeownership opportunities through the Workforce Homeownership Program

Since 2016, Gage East Apartments in Rochester, MN has provided permanent supportive housing for 50 homeless families and youth. Made possible by Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB), Gage East Apartments help some of the more than 300 homeless families and 100 unaccompanied homeless youth in Rochester find a place to call home.

“Living here is a real blessing,” said Katie, a resident with three kids aged 4, 10 and 11 years old. “I remember praying and praying to get in here. I watched this place get built. It was my last hope. Now, [Gage East] is helping me get ready to find something bigger out in the world that I can provide for my kids.” Photo: Katie (right) with her son, Romeo (left)

“I believe it will change people’s lives – parents and their kids,” said a participant of the Homework Starts with Home program, which provides rental assistance for students of homeless and highly mobile students. After one year, 90% of participating families were stably housed and less than 18% of children were chronically absent, compared to nearly 30% of homeless students statewide. “Because the home environment is stable, [my daughter] has been able to focus so much more at school,” another participant shared.

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Homes for All MN advances shared policy initiatives that lead to housing stability for all Minnesotans and includes more than 170 organizations. Learn more at www.homesforallmn.org. Follow us on Twitter @Homes4AllMN and #Homes4AllMN