



November 21, 2012

Senator Richard Cohen
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
State Office Building, Room 109
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206

Re: 2012 G.O. Bond/Publicly Owned Housing Program (POHP); Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program for Multi-Family Housing (EDHC-MF)

Dear Senator Cohen:

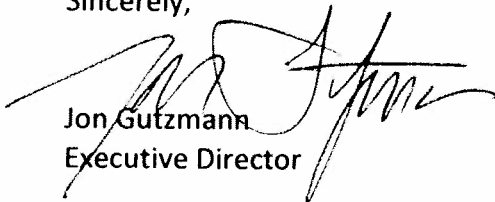
The Board and staff of the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA), on behalf of the PHA's 20,000 residents, would like to thank you for supporting increased resources for affordable housing in Minnesota, especially for public housing preservation, in the 2012 legislative session. The Saint Paul PHA especially appreciates your support, because Minnesota Housing just approved two major grants from those funds for our agency:

- \$825,000 from the Publicly Owned Housing Program (POHP)/G.O. Bonding
- \$540,000 from the Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program for Multi-Family Housing (EDHC-MF).

These funds will allow the Saint Paul PHA to put six federal public housing subsidies back into service through new construction development at Roosevelt Homes, as well as accelerating needed modernization work at our Dunedin Terrace family housing development. Without the State funding, these projects would not have been possible or they would have been greatly delayed (which would add to the cost).

These grant opportunities exist as a direct result of your support. We believe they are a wise and needed investment to preserve public housing and other affordable housing in Minnesota. In St. Paul alone the public housing stock has an insurable value of \$600 million. Public housing was created with federal funding but also relies on State and local governments and private partners. We appreciate the support you and your colleagues in the Minnesota Legislature have given us.

Sincerely,



Jon Gutzmann
Executive Director

cc: PHA Board of Commissioners



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Kenneth R. Johnson, Chair
Minnesota Housing Board of Directors
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

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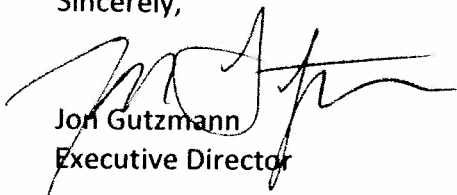
The Board and staff of the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA), on behalf of the PHA's 20,000 residents, would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to you and to Minnesota Housing for selecting the PHA to receive funding this year under the Publicly Owned Housing Program (POHP, \$825,000) and the Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program for Multi-Family Housing (EDHC-MF, \$540,000).

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On behalf of the PHA, we are both pleased and proud to be a recipient of POHP and EDHC funding, and we appreciate your support of the public housing program.

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Executive Director

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Mary Tingerthal, Commissioner
Minnesota Housing
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

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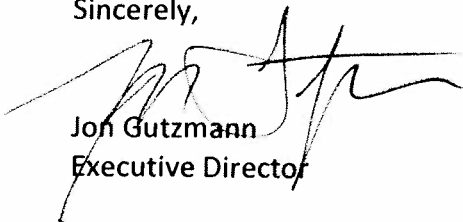
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