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RE: Highland Bridge Items 5-14-25 HRA & City Council

Dear HRA Chair Johnson, Council President Noecker and City Council Members,

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed Highland Bridge development items scheduled for consideration at the upcoming Housing and Redevelopment Authority and City Council meetings. The proposed items are critical steps that will enable the advancement of hundreds of new housing units on the site.

Advancing development at Highland Bridge is not only essential to realizing the full vision of the site, but it is also an important contribution to the City of Saint Paul's broader housing goals. With housing needs continuing to grow across our region, unlocking these units will help address demand while ensuring that this key site does not sit underutilized.

Equally important, the construction of these new developments will generate hundreds of family-sustaining, union construction jobs. Our members stand ready to build this next chapter of Highland Bridge with the skill and safety that has long defined Saint Paul's union workforce.

Additionally, this project signals to the private sector that Saint Paul is committed to fostering investment, growth, and opportunity. Advancing Highland Bridge helps catalyze additional development activity not only within the site but across the community.

We urge you to support these development items and continue championing investment, housing, and jobs in our City.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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