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RE: Appeal of June 1, 2012 Condemnation and Vacate Order for 1225 Westminster St. Paul MN 55130

In response to contact from several tenants in the Properties at 1205 and 1225 Westminster, and in keeping with our mission to provide legal services to eligible clients in eligible civil legal matters, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services ("SMRLS") appeals the June 1, 2012 Condemnation and Vacate Order for 1225 Westminster.

Under Minnesota law a tenant has the right to bring a legal action to enforce the landlord's obligation to supply habitable housing (See Minn. Stats. §504B.395 et seq.; §504B.381; and §504B.161). In such actions, tenants may be awarded various remedies including alternative housing paid for by their landlord while their unit or building is being repaired.

Several tenants of the aforementioned property have contacted SMRLS and we anticipate filing Tenant Remedy Actions on behalf of some, if not all, of these tenants. We therefore appeal the current Condemnation Order in part to allow for adequate time to bring the appropriate civil legal actions before the court.

Additionally, upon information and belief, we anticipate that these properties will be rehabilitated by sometime in or around August of this year. Because there are alternative remedies to making the many families in these properties homeless due to an administrative decision on the part of the property owner and management, we are appealing the current condemnation to allow the tenants in this property access to adequate legal remedies available under the law to prevent said homelessness during the rehabilitation process.

Sincerely,

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