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

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

On behalf of Presbyterian Homes & Services, I am writing to express our strong support for the Highland Bridge development items scheduled for consideration at the upcoming HRA and City Council meetings on May 14.

As a long-standing nonprofit senior housing provider in the City of St. Paul, and one of the largest residential stakeholders at Highland Bridge, we have developed 425 of the 845 multifamily units currently operating at Highland Bridge. We are preparing to move forward with an additional 55 units in the next one to two years. The proposed amendments under consideration will directly impact our next project phase and will be a critical factor in determining whether we are able to proceed.

Progress on Block 2, located along Ford Parkway, is especially important—not only to our current investments and the well-being of the residents and staff who call Highland Bridge home—but also to our future development plans. Without forward movement on these agenda items, it will be increasingly difficult to justify continued investment at this location.

These amendments do not pose negative financial risk to the City, and are essential to catalyzing hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment. **We respectfully urge your full support.**

Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



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