



Legal Services Advocacy Project

March 23, 2025

The Honorable Aisha Gomez
Co-Chair, Taxes Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
5th Floor, Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Greg Davids
Co-Chair, Taxes Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
2nd Floor, Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 2499 (Renters' Credit)

Dear Co-Chairs Gomez and Davids and Members of the Taxes Committee:

The Legal Services Advocacy Project (LSAP) writes in support of HF 2499, which would provide the beneficial Renters' Credit to more Minnesotans and create parity with Minnesota's Homestead Credit. LSAP is a statewide division of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, providing policy, legislative, and administrative advocacy on behalf of Legal Aid statewide. Legal Aid's clients include Minnesotans who have low incomes, elderly Minnesotans and Minnesotans with disabilities.

The Renter's Credit is targeted to people with lower incomes and it is self-adjusting. Nearly one-third of this needed credit is distributed to households that include senior citizens or people living with disabilities, or both. Moreover, the share of participating households that include seniors or people living with disabilities tends to be higher in Greater Minnesota.

Further, the Renters' Credit Program provides an economic boost for local communities. It is well-settled that those receiving the credit turn around and spend those dollars locally, for basic needs like diapers, school supplies, and health care needs.

In sum, LSAP appreciates the committee's consideration of this bill and urges its passage and inclusion in the final Tax Bill the committee puts together. Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Elwood".

Ron Elwood
Supervising Attorney