

February 14, 2025

To: House Commerce Committee

RE: Opposition to HB 2119- Elimination of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

Honorable Members of the Kansas House Commerce Committees:

We write to express opposition to House Bill 2119, which is proposed to eliminate any new applications for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

A change of this magnitude will have significant consequences to our community and others in Kansas which currently have struggled with keeping up with the demand for housing stock- especially affordable housing. Our community partners with many entities, including, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, nonprofits, such as EmberHope and Mennonite Housing, and local developers to work together to find solutions that allow for all of our residents to have their housing needs met.

Currently there are projects being completed in phases and a complete removal of the credit would be leaving these projects without a path forward. In a time of growth and development for our community, we ask that you consider how a sudden departure from this program could affect our economic development as a whole.

We would be happy to provide additional comments as needed or requested and thank you for your time in receiving our stance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Rich Stinnett, Mayor Daniela Rivas, City Manager

cc: Chris Towle, City Attorney
Denise Duerksen, City Clerk