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Dear Chair Gomez and Members, House Preventing Homelessness Division:

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan region, appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 4225, that requires all cities to develop homeless encampment policies with specific policy requirements.

Rather than a statewide mandate, Metro Cities would support best-practice sharing among cities and counties on homeless encampments, and offers to work with the bill author and other interested parties to advance best-practice sharing and local policies that adequately address the needs and protections of homeless Minnesotans.

We look forward to working with you and the committee on next steps.

Respectfully,

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