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Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Kyle Berndt, I am the Director of Public Policy at the Minnesota Multi Housing Association (MHA). We continue to evaluate the proposal and wanted to highlight our primary concern for how this proposed sprinkler mandate could impact nonprofit and private Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing properties. Without including state funding these facilities would likely see an increase in rents to offset the costs of the mandate. We ask the author and committee members to consider funding to accomplish the sprinkler retrofit and ensure the facilities are safe and affordable.

We are ready to be a resource for the author and members of the committee on this issue moving forward.

Thank you, Chair and members of the committee.

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