



Date: March 8th, 2021

Chair Rob Ecklund
Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Committee
409 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155

Chair Ecklund:

On behalf of the Contractor's Association of Minnesota, we are writing to express our support for HF 762.

This bill will ensure that funds licensed contractors must, by statute, pay into the Contractor Recovery Fund will not be allowed to be used for other purposes. In lean years, the fund has been raided to cover other funding shortfalls.

Minnesota Statutes 327A is a statutory requirement known as the "home warranty" provision. This statutory requirement states that homeowners building new homes or remodeling their homes are protected from structural issues. For example, if a homeowner builds a new home and there are structural issues, the Contractor Recovery Account will ensure that a contractor who is unable to fulfill their statutory obligations will make the homeowner whole when repairs are made.

HF 762 protects the Contractor Recovery Fund from being used for anything other than protecting homeowners and making sure that these funds are available to the homeowner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Dahlin".

Tracy Dahlin
Chairperson – Contractors Association of Minnesota