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VIA: Email RE: Industry Support for HF 2013

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Polymeric Exterior Products Association (PEPA), formerly the Vinyl Siding Institute (VSI), to respectfully include our support for HF 2013.

HF 2013 removes one of the most common exclusionary zoning tactics that can cost more than \$20,000 per home by mandating building materials and aesthetics home buyers may not even want. It stops costly mandates for luxury material upgrades and other building code conflicts that drive costs. It restores reasonable homeowner choice on home design, allowing more starter home options. It does not impact historic districts or preservation powers. Most importantly PEPA supports this legislation because all categories of polymeric siding, including vinyl siding, meet the stringent requirements of building codes across Canada and the United States, including Minnesota.

PEPA is the trade association for manufacturers of vinyl and other polymeric exterior building materials. As an organization, it is our goal to further the development and growth of the vinyl and polymeric construction industry by helping to develop material, product, and performance standards in cooperation with standards-making organizations and code bodies.

PEPA respectfully asks that you pass HF 2013. Thank you for any consideration you may choose to extend to this request.

Respectfully,

Kate Offringa President and CEO