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I write today to provide the Minnesota Multi Housing Association's (MHA) position on the First Engrossment of HF 2269, Energy Benchmarking.

We appreciate that the author reached out to us to engage on this important issue. We are continuing to process the impact of the bill but believe improvements have been made and addressed two primary concerns of MHA. Our concerns of the original proposal included that there were heavy administrative requirements placed on housing providers and the required disclosure of energy star ratings to prospective customers.

The change to the disclosure requirements and the pivot toward ratings being used as a marketing option for high performers is a welcome improvement. Additionally, the amendment addressed many of the administrative issues we had raised. However, in review of the proposal we are concerned that if energy providers are not generating the energy information as required in this proposal, the requirement would fall back on the housing provider.

We are grateful for the movement in the First Engrossment. We will continue to work with the author and other stakeholders to address our remaining concerns as we continue to process the proposal.

Best regards,

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