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Chair Becker-Finn and Members of the House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony to share our concerns with Rep. Her's HF 835.

Minnesota Realtors® was founded in 1919 and is a statewide business trade association with a membership of over 21,000 real estate professionals working with buyers and sellers of all types of property in every corner of the state.


Minnesota Realtors® believes in, and strives to uphold, the right of all Minnesotans to own, use, and transfer real property and our members are committed to offering equal professional service to all.

Upon reviewing sections 1-3 of HF 835 and listening to the testimony and discussion of the bill in the Housing Finance and Policy Committee last week, Minnesota Realtors® would like to share our concerns with this language.

HF 835 would add, "participation in or requirements of a public assistance program," along with a new definition of "public assistance program," to Minn. Stat. 363A.09 (The Minnesota Human Rights Act). This language is broad, making it unclear how it interacts with the numerous federal, state, and local assistance programs currently in existence and those that may be created in the future. The language also does not recognize that some government assistance programs may include requirements for a property owner that present challenging financial or regulatory obligations.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Rep. Her