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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 on HF 1030 (DE amendment), the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Omnibus Bill.

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® strongly supports the right of all Minnesotans to own, use, and transfer real property and our members are committed to offering equal professional service to all.

Minnesota Realtors® would like to share our concerns with Article 4, Sections 7-9, which 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 language in HF 1030 (DE amendments) is extremely 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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