

VIA: Email RE: HF 2235

Dear Honorable Minnesota Representatives,

I am writing on behalf of the Vinyl Siding Institute (VSI) to respectfully include our support for HF 2235, specifically Article 4, Limiting Regulations on Residential Development.

The vinyl industry is a significant contributor to the great state of Minnesota. VSI supports this bill because property owners, not city hall, should dictate home designs. Bans such as the ones currently in place needlessly add to Minnesota's housing issues.

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

HF 2235 removes one of the most common exclusionary zoning tactics that can cost more than \$20,000 per home. 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.

The VSI respectfully asks that you vote yes on HF 2235. Thank you for any consideration you may choose to extend to this request.

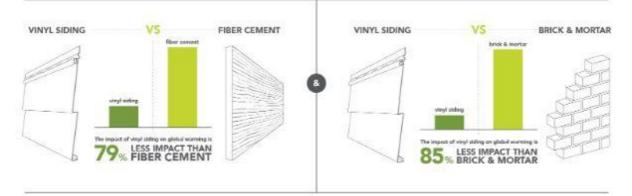
Respectfully,

Kate Offringa President and CEO

LESS IMPACT ON GLOBAL WARMING

Vinyl siding has a significantly lower impact on global warming than most other exterior cladding products. Plus, vinyl siding, vinyl insulated siding and polypropylene siding products are one of the only exterior cladding options to be UL Certified and have published Environmental Product Declarations providing builders with objective and transparent information.

COMPARE VINYL SIDING WITH OTHER TYPES OF CLADDING



Based on analysis using Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES)* Online software.

Vinyl Siding vs. the Competition

Throughout its life cycle, vinyl siding has 79% less impact on global warming than fiber cement and 85% less impact than brick and mortar.