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RE: Funding for Residential High Rise Sprinkler Retrofits HF 1334

On behalf of the Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota we offer our support to HF 1334 expanding the eligibility for the retrofitting of fire sprinklers in residential high-rise buildings in Minnesota.

Fire sprinklers have been proven to save lives should a fire occur. Containing the fire to the room of origin and often time to the item or origin is critical in giving occupants time to escape before exit routes are blocked by smoke, heat, and fire. According to Minnesota data from 2023 there were 1,870 fires in multifamily dwellings causing 97 civilian injuries and 8 deaths. Although this bill only affects a small number of the multifamily dwellings in Minnesota, we still feel strongly that this legislation will help to reduce future injuries and deaths from fire in multifamily dwellings.

Thank you for our consideration of these comments. Please contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 952-233-9575.

Sincerely,

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President, Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota.