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Chairs Davids, Gomez, and Members of the Taxes Committee,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity–Minnesota (AFP–MN), I write in support of House File 3396. This legislation represents an important step toward reforming Minnesota’s property tax system.

Minnesotans consistently say that property taxes are one of their most frustrating and least understood financial burdens. Unlike income or sales taxes, property taxes often rise without homeowners clearly understanding why – or how the decisions were made. Many feel blindsided by higher bills year after year. HF 3396’s call for creating a task force to explore property tax reforms and increasing transparency is a welcome step toward creating a transparent, fiscally responsible, and accountable property tax system.

AFP-MN proposes several property tax reform options in [AFP’s Playbook for Property Tax Reform](#), which outlines practical reforms to improve taxpayer accountability. These include strengthening Truth in Taxation requirements so residents receive clearer and more understandable notices before increases are finalized; requiring voter approval for especially large proposed property tax hikes; and ensuring full transparency around local corporate welfare, tax increment financing (TIF), and other tax subsidies that can shift costs onto homeowners and small businesses, along with other impactful reforms. When taxpayers have a clear line of sight into how decisions are made and dollars are spent, public trust increases and spending becomes more disciplined. AFP-MN would encourage a future task force to look into these [reforms](#) as solutions to reforming our state’s skyrocketing property taxes and ever-wasteful local governments.

It is also important to recognize the connection between housing policy and property taxes. As housing prices rise, assessed values increase – and with them, property tax bills. Minnesota’s restrictive zoning and burdensome land-use regulations have constrained housing supply, contributing to higher home prices and placing additional upward pressure on assessments. [Reducing unnecessary regulatory barriers](#) and allowing more housing to be built would help moderate price appreciation, stabilize assessed values, and ease long-term property tax pressure for families.

Property taxes should not feel unpredictable or opaque. Transparency is not partisan – it is foundational to good governance. HF 3396 moves Minnesota in the right direction by shining a brighter light on property tax decisions and looking at reforms that will benefit everyone.

AFP–MN urges your support of HF 3396 and continued efforts to advance reforms that protect homeowners, renters, and small businesses from unchecked property tax growth while improving long-term affordability statewide.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Housing Reform: AFP's Solutions (<https://americansforprosperity.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Housing-Reform-One-Pager-1.pdf>)

Property Tax Reform Playbook (<https://americansforprosperity.org/policy-corner/property-tax-reform-playbook/>)

Roadmap for Housing Policy Reform (<https://americansforprosperity.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Roadmap-for-Housing-Policy-Reform.pdf>)

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