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**RE: Opposition to HF3545**

Dear Representative Baker and Pinto

On behalf of Unidos MN, I am writing to express our strong opposition to HF3545.

This bill would ultimately raise energy costs for Minnesota families. Our state's energy code exists to protect consumers by reducing long-term utility bills, and weakening it would shift costs onto homeowners and renters for years to come.

Communities like Minneapolis are already facing significant economic strain. With recent job losses tied to Operation Metro Surge, many families and businesses are struggling, and our most vulnerable residents are working to afford basic necessities. Increasing long-term energy costs now would only add to that burden.

Minnesota is already off track on our climate goals, and emissions from residential buildings continue to rise. Strengthening—not weakening—energy efficiency in new construction is one of the most practical ways to reduce emissions while keeping homes affordable to operate.

Strong energy codes help ensure that comfortable, healthy, and affordable homes are the standard for all Minnesotans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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