



March 23, 2026

Re: HF 3895 – Minnesota Starter Home Act

Chair Igo, Chair Howard and Members of the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of our 842 member cities, the League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HF 3895, the Minnesota Starter Home Act. The DE1 Delete Everything Amendment reflects more than two years of debate and negotiations between the League, bill authors, and other stakeholders.

To be clear, the League of Minnesota Cities opposes legislation that directly preempts city authority. While we cannot support those aspects of the bill, the League recognizes that the authors have addressed our implementation concerns by removing or modifying some of the most problematic provisions. The current language is the result of a robust good-faith policy making process and we believe the bill as written can be implemented.

As the legislature considers this legislation, the League will continue to be available to provide feedback and input, but we are not actively seeking votes in support of or in opposition to the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel Lightfoot'.

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Craig Johnson
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