



SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

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Chair Ecklund:

I'm writing in support of H.F. 1042, the bill to create a waiver process to state building and fire codes for members of recognized tribes. Seeing this bill pass is important to me and others in my organization, the Twin Cities chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

As white residents of Minnesota who care about Indigenous rights, we want our state government to stop interfering with Indigenous people practicing their culture. Creating a waiver process to state building and fire codes, which would allow Indigenous people to build traditional structures without this interference, is a clear step towards our broader racial justice goals.

In the past year, our state-wide network has expanded dramatically. We know that many people across Minnesota want to live in a place where Indigenous people have the right to practice their culture.

We urge you to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

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