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Chair and members of the committee:

The Minnesota Multi Housing Association (MHA) is an industry nonprofit representing 1,800 members and 400,000 housing units in the state. I write today to raise our concerns with Article 2, Section 21 contained in HF 1670, DE3 Amendment.

The sprinkler retrofit requirement in this proposal is an unfunded mandate which will most substantially impact residents of nonprofit and private Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing. Without funding, these facilities would likely see an increase in rents to offset the costs associated with complying with the mandate. We ask the author and committee members to consider funding to accomplish the sprinkler retrofit and ensure the facilities are safe and affordable.

MHA appreciates the opportunity to provide our concerns with written testimony on this proposal.

Respectfully,

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