



Re: HF1987 Igo, Minnesota Starter Home Act

March 10, 2025

Chair Igo and members of the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee,

On behalf of the housing industry in Minnesota, Housing First Minnesota offers this letter in support of HF1987, authored by Representative Igo.

By way of background, Housing First Minnesota is a trade association of nearly one thousand members of the housing industry with the mission of homeownership opportunities for all.

As we've shared with the committee in recent hearings, our concerns about the future of homeownership in Minnesota continue to grow. Our housing market is chronically under-supplied, but the demand to own a house remains.

The homebuilding industry is working to meet the needs of Minnesotans, but we need your help. HF1987 legalizes more housing options statewide by allowing for greater density, smaller homes on smaller lots, reducing unnecessary parking restrictions, allowing for more by-right development, and ending exclusionary aesthetic mandates.

This language is one of the most important pieces of legislation that the committee will review this year.

The Minnesota Starter Home Act, along with the other pieces of the Yes to Home Agenda, will put homebuyers back in charge of their housing choices and has the potential to positively transform Minnesota's housing market for the next generation.

Thank you for saying Yes to Home!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Foster" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Foster,
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Housing First Minnesota

