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Chair Becker-Finn and Members of the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on the DE3 amendment to HF 447, the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law policy omnibus bill.

Minnesota Realtors® (MNR) would like to share our support for the provisions in Article 1 (from HF 1655), which create a separate definition for gender identity and remove certain sections in the Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA) that allow for discrimination based on sexual orientation.

MNR is a statewide business trade association founded in 1919 and has a membership of over 22,000 members working with buyers and sellers of all types of property.

MNR strongly supports the right of all Minnesotans to own, use, and transfer real property and our members are committed to offering equal professional service to all.

Realtors® are members of the National Association of Realtors® (NAR), which has standards that all Realtors® are required to follow with respect to fair housing, in addition to their legal obligations, and entails compliance with high ethical standards related to discrimination through NAR's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

MNR supports protections in law, enshrined in the Federal Fair Housing Act and the MHRA, prohibiting discrimination in housing and we welcome and support the updates to the MHRA proposed in the DE3 amendment to HF 447.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide written testimony on the DE3 amendment to HF 447.

Sincerely,



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