



March 2, 2026

Chairs and Members of the House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee,

Metro Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 2614 – Mekeland.

HF 2614 includes language prohibiting a city from conditioning the approval of certain permits or residential planned unit developments on the creation of a homeowner's association, or the inclusion of any service, feature, or common property necessitating a homeowner's association (HOA). The bill does not allow for a local government to require maintenance or insurance of common elements within a homeowner's association.

HOAs are important to many residents, including seniors and those with disabilities, and help ensure adequate property maintenance, including snow removal, lawn care and other services. Metro Cities' interest is in ensuring that property and infrastructure that provide important but localized benefits, have adequate management structures, and do not become the responsibility of other property taxpayers in the community.

Metro Cities appreciates your attention to our concerns and thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ania McDonnell
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