



March 9, 2026

The Honorable Chair Baker and Chair Pinto

Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy

Minnesota House of Representatives

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Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairs Baker and Pinto and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Carlin, and I am writing to provide comments on behalf of the Minnesota Efficient Builders Coalition. The Minnesota Efficient Builders Coalition (Minnesota EBC) is a group of builders, designers, and other industry professionals committed to practical, cost-effective, climate forward solutions that advance efficiency and building performance in Minnesota. We are a growing aggregation of over 55 practitioners from across the state that are actively building and designing to the highest levels of performance, and improving the baseline expectations for Minnesota buildings.

The Minnesota Efficient Builders Coalition respectfully submits this letter to express our support for Minnesota's residential energy code acceleration.

As practitioners committed to energy efficient building, we have extensive experience building to the 2038 goal of 70% reduction in annual net energy consumption. While the average Minnesota builder is already halfway to achieving this goal, the remaining amount can be accomplished with off the shelf technology and minor changes in structure. It is generally accepted across practitioners experienced in building to this standard that it can be accomplished for no additional cost for entry level housing solutions, and up to 2% depending on the building assembly, with the 2% margin representing a more "luxury" approach. Furthermore, it is generally accepted that the building shape, finishes and floor plan have a much larger impact on budget. The resulting low monthly energy bills, health benefits, and resilience of these homes are essential to keeping monthly bills low, supporting household budgets and everyday needs.

We encourage chairs Baker and Pinto and the Committee Members to vote no to HF3545 - Requirement to adopt a new residential energy code repealed, and preserve Minnesota's pathway to improving housing for all Minnesotans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Carlin

Co-Chair /

Minnesota Efficient Builders Coalition (MnEBC)