



Re: HF 4009DE1 Kraft

February 19, 2024

Chair Howard and members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the housing industry in Minnesota, Housing First Minnesota offers this letter in support of HF 4009 (Kraft) with the DE1 Author's Amendment.

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. HF 4009 as amended 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 part of a larger legislative package that 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 your consideration and we strongly urge your support of HF 4009 as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Foster,
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Housing First Minnesota

