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Chairs Klevorn, Nash and Members of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee,

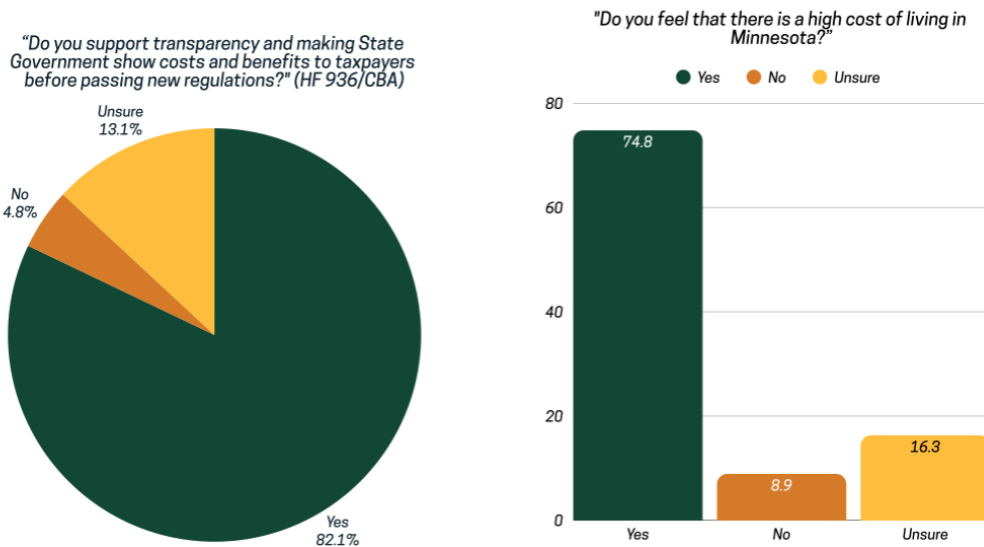
On behalf of Americans for Prosperity and the thousands of Minnesotans we engage with each year, I write to express strong support for House File 936. This bill is a commonsense step to ensure **transparency** and would put Minnesota in line with dozens of other states that require similar **due diligence** in agency rulemaking.

Over the past two years, our team and volunteers have knocked on more than 500,000 doors across Minnesota. In 2025 alone, we spoke directly with more than 100,000 Minnesotans about government accountability, fraud prevention, and reining in unchecked agency rulemaking. During these conversations, we asked a straightforward question:

“Do you support transparency and making state government show costs and benefits to taxpayers before passing new regulations?”

The response was overwhelming: **82.1% of Minnesotans said YES.**

Voters Knocked Statewide: 109,821



That level of support sends a clear message: **taxpayers expect transparency before new regulations are imposed on their families, businesses, and communities.**

Minnesotans are frustrated with agency assumptions in fiscal projections, inconsistent oversight, and the promulgation of regulations without meaningful cost-benefit analysis—sometimes exposing millions in taxpayer dollars to waste or mismanagement. HF 936 addresses these concerns by requiring agencies to:

- Produce standardized, transparent cost-benefit analyses.
- Clearly justify assumptions and disclose uncertainties.
- Allow deficient analyses to be challenged and corrected.
- Identify impacts on all stakeholders.
- Cite explicit statutory authority for each rule provision.



States across the country—both red and blue—have implemented similar requirements. These reforms improve regulatory quality without undermining agency expertise.

HF 936 ensures that Minnesota’s administrative rules are **economically justified, transparent, and accountable**. It shifts rulemaking toward **evidence-based regulation rather than rules adopted without systematic evaluation**. We respectfully urge you to support HF 936

Sincerely,

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Attachments

Comparative Analysis – Lessons from Other States (Part I & II)

Grassroots Policy Survey Question

Historical Examples of SONAR Failure Without CBA

Improving Accountability and Transparency in State Agencies

Understanding the Need for Cost-Benefit Analysis

Office of the Legislative Auditor, Administrative Rulemaking
(<https://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/1993/pe9304.htm>)

Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday: AFP is reaffirming our commitment to and reconnecting Americans to the founding principles that make our nation exceptional—liberty, dignity, and opportunity. We’re not just celebrating our principles; we’re challenging Americans to act on them. Take One Small Step today.