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Honorable Members of the Agriculture, Housing, & Broadband Conference Committee
Chair Sundin; Representatives Hausman, Howard, Theis, & Vang
Chair Westrom; Senators, Draheim, Dornink, Dziedzic, & Pratt

Re: BAM Written Testimony; HF4366

On behalf of the Builders Association of Minnesota (BAM), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share written testimony. Our membership of nearly 1600 residential builders, remodelers, subcontractors, and industry partners are joined together through eleven local associations across Minnesota, and we are proud to be the statewide voice of the Minnesota Home Building Industry.

BAM is grateful to its members who have worked tirelessly and safely through the pandemic to provide housing opportunities to Minnesotans. Thank you for your public service, and the work you do to address Minnesota's housing affordability, availability, and home ownership crises.

BAM Strongly Supports:

Senate language that limits cost-driving regulations on residential development (Art 6, Sec 2) including prohibiting municipalities from requiring PUDs if the proposed development complies with existing ordinances, and prohibiting aesthetic mandates not required by the State Building Code. Cost-drivers preventing housing affordability, such as inflation and supply chain bottlenecks are difficult to address at the state level, but we believe the Senate's common-sense regulatory reform provisions will help reduce costs overall, enabling more homes at a more affordable price-point to be available to Minnesotans.

BAM respectfully requests that this provision be included in your conference committee report. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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