

Dear Senator Kiffmeyer, Chair Committee on State Government Finance and Policy and Elections:

My Name is Andrew Kelley, I am owner/operator of Radon Solutions, Mankato. The largest Radon mitigation provider in Southern Minnesota. I am a member of the national trade organization A.A.R.S.T and the local North Star chapter of A.A.R.S.T. I am writing in opposition of S.F. 295-Draheim.

Radon Solutions focuses on mitigation systems for existing homes in and around the Mankato area. Providing safe, effective, cost efficient removal of this radioactive gas requires specialized technical training. Throughout the 20 plus years of working in the industry I have received the majority of my radon training from the team at the MDH. They're staff of highly experienced radon professionals and scientists have also been readily available to all residents and contractors of Minnesota as the "go to experts". On many occasions Minnesota residents, contractors, including myself, have needed the help of MDH experts and their specialized equipment/technology to solve uniquely challenging radon problems.

Oversight of radon work in Minnesota should definitely stay in the hands of the experts at the Minnesota Department of Health. They developed the program and are constantly working to improve processes to ensure safe and effective risk reduction from the deadly effects of radon gas. In my experience, the code officials do not possess the knowledge to handle radon issues and often mistake it with other issues causing confusion for contractors and homeowners. Code officials also do not have any experience with radon measurement, which is the bulk of the licensed professionals out there.

Please oppose S.F. 295.

Sincerely,

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