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Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Sen. Oumou Verbeten's SF 174, allowing applications for homestead classification to use federal taxpayer identification numbers in lieu of Social Security numbers.

Minnesota Realtors® (MNR) was founded in 1919 and is a business trade association with a membership of over 22,000 real estate professionals working with property owners and aspiring property owners in every corner of the state.

MNR's 2023 Legislative Session agenda includes support for, "...improving, enhancing, and updating state homeowner property tax relief programs."

Along with support for homeowner property tax relief programs, MNR also supports expanding access to homestead classification by allowing property owners with a valid ITIN, issued by the Internal Revenue Service, to qualify for homestead status and the homestead property tax refund. All homeowners paying property taxes should have an opportunity to qualify for homestead status and the homestead property tax refund program, which makes housing more affordable.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SF 174

Sincerely,



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