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Boilermakers #647
Bricklayers & Allied
Craftworkers #1
Carpenters #322
Cement Masons #633
City Employees #363
Construction & General
Laborers #563
Electrical Workers #110
Electrical Workers #292
Elevator Constructors #9
Glaziers & Glassworkers
#L-1324
Heat & Frost Insulators
& Allied Workers #34
Iron Workers #512
Iron Workers Shopmen #535
Millwrights #548
MN State Interior Systems #68
Operating Engineers #49
Painters #386
Pile Drivers & Dock Builders
#1847
Pipefitters #539
Plasterers #265
Plumbers #15
Roofers #96
Sheet Metal Workers #10
Sign, Display & Allied workers
#880
Sprinkler Fitters #417
Teamsters Local #120

Senator Fount Hawj
Chairman
Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee

Dear Chair Hawj,

I write on behalf of the 14,000 members of the Minneapolis Building Trades in strong support of SF 4183, carried by Senator Fateh, which will finally ensure that frivolous lawsuits cannot be brought against a City's comprehensive plan under MERA for increasing density.

The Building Trades unions support pro-density zoning and those aspects of the Minneapolis 2040 plan that would bring more housing and development to the City. Suing the City under MERA for increasing density should not be allowed because that zoning is a benefit to the environment.

Further, the uncertainty faced by developers since this lawsuit started has led to confusion and a slowdown in building in the city that is already impacting our members. We appreciate this compromise legislation that has been agreed to with environmental organizations and encourage you to vote Yes on it so we can get back to building.

Sincerely,

Dan McConnell
Business Manager