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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 Omar Fateh  
3219 Minnesota Senate Bldg.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Fateh,

I write on behalf of the 14,000 members of the Minneapolis Building Trades in strong support of your bill, SF4183, which will 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