



**March 25, 2024**

Sen. Omar Fateh  
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Dear Senator Fateh and Representative Jordan:

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa represents over 50,000 healthcare workers, including members who work in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and self-directed homecare. On their behalf, I write to express our union's strong support for SF4183/HF4028. This is a pro-worker bill that will help lower housing costs, fight climate change, and reduce economic and racial residential segregation.

Our union is very proud of the work we did to help pass the Minneapolis 2040 plan. More recently we supported similar changes in St. Paul. Municipal land use decisions had never been a focus of our union, but more and more of our members were facing skyrocketing housing prices. More freedom to build housing lowers rents for everyone.

Land use changes are already extraordinarily difficult. We should not allow courts even more power to stack the deck against housing freedom. Your bill provides needed clarity that prevents courts from compelling policy makers to make absurd assumptions about potential zoning changes.

Sincerely yours,

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