

Beth Johnston

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To: Beth Johnston
Cc: Chris Meyer; Sen. Omar Fateh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on SF 2439: David Ingold

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my support of the expansion of the amortization exceptions in Minnesota Statutes, section 462.357, subdivision 1c.

As a resident of East Phillips, Minneapolis impacted by regular air pollution, I am grateful to see the SF 2439 bill expand the rights of MN cities to make decisions to improve the welfare of its residents. Currently, cities have the ability to amortize adult-only businesses that can harm the moral character of a neighborhood; likewise, they should be given the ability to amortize businesses that significantly harm the public health of a neighborhood.

As a manufacturing engineer with training in environmental compliance and management, I am very aware of the limited efficacy of state environmental agencies and regulations. Businesses must be held accountable to local municipalities; without the ability to justly amortize a business, a city and its residents are held hostage by polluting businesses and inadequate state and federal regulations. In my opinion, this amortization bill is actually too limited. The criteria upon which a city may amortize a business with a hazardous waste permit is exceedingly narrow. I believe these criteria should be broadened, yet, I implore the state to start with at least this narrow expansion of municipal power to protect the welfare of its residents.

Thank you for receiving my testimony. Please let me know if there is any more information I can provide.

Sincerely,
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