



**Re: SF 3572 (Fateh) "People Over Parking Act"**

May 1, 2024

Chair Dziedzic and members of the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee,

On behalf of the housing industry in Minnesota, Housing First Minnesota offers this letter in support of SF 3572, the "People Over Parking Act" authored by Senator Fateh.

By way of background, Housing First Minnesota is a trade association of nearly one thousand members of the housing industry with the mission of homeownership opportunities for all.

As we've shared with the legislature throughout session, our concerns about the future of homeownership in Minnesota continue to grow. Our housing market is chronically under-supplied, but the demand to own a house remains. The homebuilding industry is working to meet the needs of Minnesotans, but we need your help.

Parking mandates are among the most exclusionary land-use tactics in housing, and a policy which increases housing costs in Minnesota. SF 3572 would put homeowners and property owners in charge of their parking needs. Renters and homeowners alike will benefit with more housing opportunities and greater affordability.

In many growing cities there can be requirements to build three-car garages. Under the language of this bill, it would be up to homeowners to choose how many garage stalls they would like. This flexibility has the potential to save up to \$40,000 per house.

Thank you for your consideration and we strongly urge your support of SF 3572 Fateh.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Mark Foster,  
Vice President, Legislative & Political Affairs  
Housing First Minnesota

