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Chair Port and Members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee,

The League of Minnesota Cities, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, Minnesota Association of Small Cities and Municipal Legislative Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on SF 3303 – Lucero, as amended.

We are concerned with this legislation in that it restricts cities from conditioning any approvals on materials that are not required by the State Building Code, which sets minimum safety standards. The bill would also restrict cities from conditioning any approvals on minimum square footage or floor area ratios, design, or other conditions, even if they are for the promotion of energy efficiency or similar goals.

Municipal roles and authority are necessary to ensure public infrastructure and housing is adequate and meets state and local codes to ensure the integrity and safety of buildings. This bill shifts the provision of housing to a one-size-fits-all approach that does not consider a community's long-term plans, infrastructure, and local needs.

Thank you for consideration of our concerns. Please join us in preserving city authority to ensure housing and public infrastructure adequately considers local community input and needs.

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