

Dear Minnesota Legislators,

My name is Patsy Foster-Bolton and I was recently elected to the Minnetonka City council. During my campaign, my team and I engaged with hundreds of constituents, listening to their concerns and aspirations for our community. One of the central pillars of my campaign was the pledge to provide more avenues for affordable home ownership. The overwhelming support we received on this issue underscores the pressing need for action at all levels of government to address the housing affordability crisis.

HF4009 is important because it encourages the efficient use of land and facilitates the development of more affordable housing options. These measures promote diversity in housing options and empower individuals to find homes that they can afford to buy and as a result, build generational wealth. By expanding the range of available housing types, we can foster inclusive and vibrant communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

As a member of the Minnetonka City Council, I help to make these kinds of housing and zoning decisions at the local level. While our city endeavors to provide affordable housing, it is evident that addressing the housing crisis requires a concerted effort at the state level. The proposed housing bill represents a significant opportunity to promote affordable homeownership and create more inclusive communities across our state.

This bill provides clear and consistent regulations which are essential for ensuring that individuals understand the rules governing homeownership before they make the decision to purchase a home in a particular city. This provision fosters transparency and predictability in the housing market, which is crucial for promoting informed decision-making and stability for homeowners.

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