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Dear members of the Senate Labor Committee,

AIA Minnesota would like to express its support for SF4202, particularly the provisions that require the Department of Labor to act on new versions of the International Energy Conservation code editions at an accelerated pace and setting targets for energy efficiency in the residential sector.

The American Institute of Architects, both nationally and at the state level, have placed a high priority on climate action, as we know that the built environment has a significant impact on our carbon footprint. We were proud to support similar changes in the commercial sector in prior legislative sessions, and we believe that bringing the residential energy code review cycle and energy goals into alignment with the rest of our strategy to create a sustainable, resilient built environment for Minnesota will improve outcomes for all.

We also applaud the preservation of the codes review process already established within the Department of Labor and Industry. The Department is well-positioned to complete an expert-driven, cost-conscious, and thorough review of model codes to make sure that what is adopted works across our state.

We urge you to advance this bill to bring the residential sector into alignment with advancements in the commercial building sector, and to continue to move Minnesota into a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheri Hansen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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