

Dear Senators:

I am writing to share our strong support of S.F. 4202.

Nearly 40% of annual energy consumption and CO2 emissions come from buildings, half of that from our homes. We can and must transform the housing industry to build green by building right for health, durability, energy conservation and efficiency, and long-term affordability.

The State can and should adopt more stringent residential energy codes to help meet statewide mandates for CO2 emissions reductions. Builders, designers, and homeowners need every incentive possible to spur more widespread adoption of super-efficient homes built to operate without fossil fuels. S.F. 4202 will assist the Minnesota housing industry to move in the direction we all need for a more resilient future.

Yours sincerely,

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