

Dear Chair Senator Klein and Committee Members,

My name is Rebecca Monson, and I live at 5079 Yuma Lane North, Plymouth Minnesota and I wish to testify about SF1063.

I am the president of the Board of Directors for a homeowner association called Fields of Nanterre in Plymouth. I and 4 other board members are all volunteers, and we work tirelessly every week to improve the lives of the residents in 164 units.

We each spend about 10-15 hours a week fielding work orders, resident concerns, and reviewing bids for contractor work to be done in the community.

My concern is that SF1063, by introducing an ombudsperson to the process, will introduce costs and delays. We have had no difficulty explaining declaration contents, rules, and regulations to our homeowners. We have NEVER had the need for a mediator to resolve issues. The board has a congenial relationship with homeowners.

I am concerned that the need to register and then get ombudspersons involved will take EVEN MORE of our time and money for no benefit to the homeowners. Frankly, if my job as President of the Board requires even more of my time, I will probably resign. I suspect I am not unique. I can imagine many associations across the state with no Boards of Directors because the work is too onerous for a volunteer commitment.

The additional costs to implement SF1063 will simply cause homeowner dues to be increased.

The working committee appeared not to have any representation of HOA board members so was not truly representative of stakeholders.

I suggest this bill be laid over until the working committee can reconvene with true representation of stakeholders.

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you chair and committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Monson, Board President, Fields of Nanterre