



Dear Senators,

The urgent need for zoning reform to increase housing construction in Winona County demands your immediate attention. Residents with lived experience of housing instability and homelessness, the Winona Area Kitchen Table at Engage Winona, implore you to act now. Excessive bureaucratic hurdles are stifling the development of desperately needed housing, hindering our community's ability to expand its workforce and tax base. With a deficit of at least 1,460 housing units required in Winona County within the next five years, action is needed. The Winona Area Kitchen Table wants the Senate Committee for State and Local Government to understand that our rural communities are stronger and more prosperous when we have enough safe, decent, and affordable housing for all.

Thank you,  
Marcia Ratliff on behalf of  
The Winona Area Kitchen Table