



April 30, 2025

Chair, State and Local Government Committee
3203 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Opposition to Senate File 2229 (Port) preemption of city zoning authority

Dear Chair Xiong:

The City of Mounds View writes in opposition to Senate File 2229 (Port) that diminishes/removes local zoning authority.

The legislation undermines one of the foundational tools of the demonstrable value and importance of proper planning. Local units of government, as you know – have the most direct contact with constituents and removing city authority undermines the foundational purpose.

Little evidence supports this dramatic shift will result in any measurable impact, further exacerbated by the fact that additional fiscal resources will play an impactful role. The new housing aid is just starting to flow into the system but needs a couple of years before results materialize.

We urge you and others to oppose this legislation, let the housing aid funding work, and if further changes are needed, work collaboratively so all impacted have their concerns addressed.

On behalf of the Mounds View City Council;

Nyle Zikmund

City Administrator