



May 1, 2025

Sen. Tao Xiong
Chair, State and Local Government Committee
3203 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: North Metro Mayors Association opposition to city zoning authority preemption

Dear Chair Xiong:

The North Metro Mayors Association (NMMA) writes to you in opposition to SF 2229 (Port) that attempts to preempt city zoning authority in favor of misguided one-size-fits-all state mandates.

Representing cities with a combined population of more than 500,000 Minnesota residents, NMMA is a collaboration of 16 north metro cities plus community partners working together to encourage private and public investments in the northern suburbs. NMMA member cities include Andover, Anoka, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Crystal, Dayton, Fridley, Maple Grove, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park.

Like cities across Minnesota, cities in the north metro region invest considerable time, effort and resources to develop long-range comprehensive plans. Residents' input and consideration are essential in deciding how to invest in the crucial infrastructure required to serve planned densities in our communities. North metro cities are very concerned that usurping local processes will stifle public discourse in favor of imposing a one-size-fits-all mandates which disregards city and residents' efforts and the diverse needs of our communities.

NMMA member cities ask legislators to join us in recognizing the importance of local decision making with local resident input, to best address each community's unique housing situation and needs. Please oppose SF 2229 (Port) and other similar proposed preemptions of local zoning decision making.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dave Bartholomay
City of Circle Pines
NMMA President

Mayor Ryan Sabas
City of Champlin
NMMA Vice-President