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Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

The Nourish MN Coalition is pleased to offer our collective support for **SF 2229 which updates restrictive zoning laws to allow for more housing of every kind and at every level of affordability in all corners of the state.**

The Nourish MN Coalition is composed of more than a dozen Minnesota nonprofits and community partners who engage in a cross-sector approach to uplift commonsense ideas that reduce poverty, end hunger, increase mobility, and make housing, healthcare, and childcare affordable and accessible for all Minnesotans.

Minnesota's zoning laws are dated and exacerbate the increasing, unaffordable housing costs¹. **Only about 10% of residential land in the Twin Cities allows for townhomes or mobile homes, and only 7% of residential land statewide allows for apartment buildings, also known as multifamily housing².** This widespread limitation on housing options has contributed to the current housing shortage and high housing costs. Currently, around 48% of Minnesota renters are cost-burdened, meaning they pay more than 30% of their income on housing costs.

This bill drives down housing costs and increases supply of housing statewide by updating restrictive zoning laws to match the economic needs of Minnesotans.

The Nourish MN Coalition envisions a Minnesota where everyone has the resources they need to thrive, and where everyone's basic needs are met. This legislation would move us closer to that goal, and it would make a meaningful impact on the people we serve. For that reason, we urge the Committee's support.

Sincerely,

Nourish MN Coalition

¹ "Revitalizing Minnesota: A Call for Statewide Land-Use and Zoning Reforms to Address Housing Affordability and Equity," *Minnesota Housing Partnership*, February 2024, https://mhponline.org/wp-content/uploads/LandUse_Zoning_Final.pdf

² MaryJo Webster and Michael Corey, "When you look at these neighborhoods, what do you see?" *Star Tribune*, August 7, 2021, <https://www2.startribune.com/how-twin-cities-housing-rules-keep-the-metro-segregated>