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RE: Support for SF 203 – A bill to support critical infrastructure necessary for housing development.,

Dear Chair Port and Honorable Members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee:

The Builders Association of Minnesota (BAM), a statewide organization with 50 years of service to the residential construction community, expresses its strong support for SF 203. BAM represents a diverse membership of home builders, remodelers, and developers, along with a broad network of supporting professionals, including subcontractors, suppliers, realtors, and financial institutions.

With nine local associations across the state, BAM addresses the unique needs of communities statewide and works in close collaboration with the National Home Builders Association (NAHB).

BAM supports Chair Port's SF 203, which provides funding for local initiatives to attract development and encourage growth by supporting the infrastructure necessary for new housing developments. This targeted investment in bonds will assist cities and home builders in offsetting the costs associated with providing critical infrastructure, ensuring residential sites are shovel-ready for development. This, in turn, will stimulate new housing construction, bolstering local economies and expanding housing opportunities.

BAM commends Senator Port for authoring this proposal, which provides significant investment in housing infrastructure grants to support new housing developments throughout Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge the committee to favorably consider SF 203.

Sincerely,

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