



Building homes, community, and hope.

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Re: SF2231 Increasing Housing Options Act & SF1268 Parking Reform

To: Chair Port and Members of the Housing & Homelessness Prevention Committee

Dear Chair Port and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota's (Habitat Minnesota) support of SF2231 and SF1268. Habitat Minnesota is a statewide support organization for the 24 local Habitat affiliates, working in 59 counties across the state. Habitat Minnesota is also a part of *Yes to Homes*, a large and diverse coalition united around the goal of advancing statewide housing policy focused on meaningfully expanding development to increase the variety and supply of housing options.

Safe and stable homes are essential for strong communities, yet many Minnesotans cannot find housing that fits their needs. Minnesota continues to face a substantial housing shortfall of an estimated 100,000 units or more as housing production struggles to keep up with demand. By updating zoning policies and expanding the types of homes that can be built, we can increase access, address affordability, support economic growth, and ensure families can find homes that meet their needs at every stage of life. Habitat Minnesota supports legislation that advances these goals.

SF2231 will allow more home choices, such as duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and townhomes, near important commercial corridors with community amenities. It allows cities to choose where to direct more homes to be built to encourage more housing in places where people live, work, and play.

SF1268 focuses on lifting parking mandates across the state in order to increase home affordability and housing choice and enable property owners to determine how much parking is required for the use of the property.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of these *Yes to Homes* bills, which will reduce barriers to building more homes and ensure more families can afford to rent or own a place to call home. Please reach out to me or Jeru Gobeze (jeru.gobeze@habitatminnesota.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cristen Incitti".

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