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Re: Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL) Support of African American Workforce Affordable Homeownership (SF 2423)

Dear Senator Bobby Joe Champion,

Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL) is a legacy affinity group dedicated to address legal issues affecting the black community in Minnesota. Our members are Black attorneys who serve the people of Minnesota every day in civil and criminal matters. Among our members are civil rights attorneys, public servants and others whose practice intersects with housing matters.

We are writing in support of passage of Senate Bill SF 2423. MABL recognizes that homeownership is an essential part of wealth building. The Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage reports that Black children and families experience housing instability at twice the rate of the average Minnesotan. Legal scholarship also indicates that Minnesota's homeownership gap contributes to the replication of segregated communities and public resources.

The proposed bill combats these disparities by investing in Minnesotan communities.

We urge the passage of SF 2423.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the MABL Board of Directors