



Re: SF2373, McEwen

March 12, 2025

Chair McEwen and members of the Labor Committee,

On behalf of the housing industry in Minnesota, Housing First Minnesota offers this letter in support of reasonable adjustments to the electrical inspections and plumbing review and inspections included in SF2373, authored by Senator McEwen.

By way of background, Housing First Minnesota is a trade association of nearly one thousand members of the housing industry with the mission of homeownership opportunities for all.

Electrical and plumbing inspections are an important piece of the construction process in Minnesota. Today, we proudly build some of the safest, most durable and most-energy efficient homes in the country. As we've shared with the committee in recent hearings, the housing industry supports proper fees for service. With these fees not being adjusted since 2007, we believe that an adjustment is fair and appropriate.

We urge the committee to approve these necessary and reasonable adjustments in an effort to maintain the highest standards of construction safety and inspection services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Foster,
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Housing First Minnesota

