



**LEAGUE of  
MINNESOTA  
CITIES**



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Dear Members of the Housing Conference Committee:

The undersigned city associations, representing cities throughout Minnesota, strongly oppose any preemption language as you consider and reconcile the omnibus housing bills.

We continue to oppose preempting local authorities and the ability of cities to plan for and address local housing needs. City officials are in the best position to make these decisions, with input from the community, and 120 cities across the state have passed resolutions reaffirming support for local decision-making authority when it comes to residential development.

Restricting developer-requested planned unit developments (PUDs) would have the impact of making affordable housing more difficult to build and more expensive to build.

Fundamentally, we believe that comprehensive statewide solutions to housing should: (1) address the full housing spectrum of need, (2) support local innovation, (3) provide incentives and not mandates, and (4) provide community-specific solutions throughout Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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