



**FIRE
MARSHALS
ASSOCIATION OF
MINNESOTA**

March 28, 2022

To: Representative Alice Hausman
Members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee

Subject: HF 4448

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota (FMAM) as we support the proposal found in Senate File HF 4448. This proposed bill would provide grant funding to specific high-rise residential occupancies to assist in funding the installation of fire sprinkler systems in the structure. We have seen repeatedly the effectiveness of fire sprinklers in containing a fire in residential occupancies. The installation of fire sprinklers reduces risk of injury and death to the occupants while greatly reducing damage caused by the fire.

Members of FMAM represent areas throughout the state of Minnesota where high-rise residential buildings exist. Many of our members have responded to fires in these occupancies and have witnessed the value of having fire sprinklers installed and operational. We thank you for developing this bill as a way to assist certain property owners to add fire sprinklers in their high-rise residential buildings.

Please contact me with any questions. I can be reach by phone at 952-292-4320 or by email at tpitschneider@shakopeemn.gov.

Sincerely,

Tom Pitschneider
President
Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota