

Re: HF 2164 (Kraft), DE1 Author's Amendment

March 20, 2023

Chair Nelson and members of the Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the housing industry in Minnesota, Housing First Minnesota offers this letter in support of HF 2164 (Kraft) with the DE1 Author's Amendment.

By way of background, Housing First Minnesota is a trade association of nearly one thousand members of the homebuilding industry with the mission of homeownership opportunities for all. Most of our members contribute to the Contractor Recovery Fund every year as part of renewal of their license.

As residential solar projects continue to be a growing opportunity for homeowners, we support adding these contractors to Minnesota Statutes Section 326B.802. This will be a benefit for the contractors as well as reassurance for homeowners going forward.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge your support of HF 2164 with the DE1 Amendment.

Sincerely,

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