



**Re: SF2744 (Seeberger)/HF2468 (Nelson)**

April 4, 2025

Chair McEwen and members of the Senate Labor Committee,

On behalf of the homebuilding industry in Minnesota, Housing First Minnesota offers this letter in support of SF2744, authored by Senator Seeberger.

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.

According to [data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), mental health concerns among construction workers are higher than rates among the general population and the construction industry's suicide rate is more than three times higher than the national average. As a part of Minnesota's construction industry, Housing First Minnesota supports any initiative that seeks to reverse these concerning trends.

SF 2744 would be an important step forward in promoting mental health within the construction industry and we thank Senator Seeberger for this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Foster" clearly legible.

Mark Foster,  
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