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Minnesota Construction Codes Advisory Council
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Since 1953, the Rochester Area Builders have promoted residential and commercial construction in Rochester and the surrounding area. On behalf of our nearly 400 members, we encourage you to refrain from further changes to the Building Code, especially those uniquely designed to ensure fewer Minnesotans will be able to afford a home.

After 10 years of documented underperformance, Rochester has begun a significant boom in residential housing, reestablishing a healthy market for people at all economic strata. There are two main propellants of this boom: Mayo Clinic's unprecedented investment of \$5 billion, and the entrance of the Minnesota's (and the nation's) top three production home builders into the Rochester market.

We are about to significantly increase inventory and therefore lower the cost of housing for tens of thousands of nurses, public safety personnel, and restaurant and hotel staff. Your proposed changes will drastically increase the price of housing, pulling homeownership away from thousands of people in Rochester alone.

While there are many questionable elements, the most damaging amendments are RE-39, RE-40, R-41.1, R-43, RE-45, RE-50, and RE-52. Our organization is thankful the Department recommended removal of several of these questionable proposals. We believe these, along with the EV Capable CCP on the Residential Code, should be withdrawn.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please take the action that will enable our members to keep building and help solve Minnesota's housing crisis.

The professionals and experts are telling you: these amendments and the Mitchell Provision will hurt Minnesotans and price out prospective homebuyers. It is already too hard to buy a home in Minnesota. Please don't make it worse.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sexton
Executive Director

*CC: Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach; Sen. Jen McEwen; Sen. Gene Dornick;
Rep. Dave Baker; Rep. Dave Pinto*