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Subject: Please Vote "No" on HB 4034 - Keep SB 1051 section 6 "as is"

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Dear Staffer Laura Kentnesse,

1. Please Vote "No" on HB 4034

2. Keep SB 1051 section 6 "as is"

Rural Counties & Municipalities will experience:

1. Increased Revenue from Property Taxes
2. Increased Revenue from Building Permit Fees
3. Employment: More Construction Jobs
4. Support Farm Families & Agricultural Industry
5. AND ... THIS BILL ADDS one more affordable housing option to rural counties and municipalities

WHY am I asking You to VOTE "NO"?

1. We have a housing crisis which this Addresses. Too many people, particularly the youngest and oldest populations, Can NOT afford the increased costs of housing and rents. Tiny homes allow several options for living with dignity.

2. Tiny homes provides an affordable option for rural land owners & farmers to care for aging parents, farm workers, other relatives/friends

3. We are a couple in our 70's and like all of our friends and family members in or near our age we are terrified of being forced further into poverty. We are in the 6th rental in six years because each

property we occupied has been sold to yet another investor. **In the last four years our rent has doubled and is higher than anything we would have ever considered for a mortgage. We struggle so much financially because of the rent that the food on the table is often wanting.** There is no way we could qualify for a mortgage because we've had to choose between making rent or making another payment. **We have worked hard all of our lives and would like to retire with dignity, but we can't retire. We will work until we drop dead, literally, at the rate housing prices and rents are going.** A Tiny Home option at least would allow us to drop the rental-mortgage expense to a level we could afford. We, like other relatives and friends, see no option but to try to move to another state and live away from family and friends in our final years – **a terrifying thought** – or to live in our cars, tents or beg for couch privileges from one home to another like so many people these days are doing. **A Tiny Home is about the only real hope we have at this time.**

PLEASE HELP MAKE TINY HOMES AN OPTION FOR US and Others!

Sincerely,

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