

Dear Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB0013, the Homebuyer Privacy Rights Bill, which prioritizes homebuyer privacy and promotes equity in real estate transactions.

The inclusion of a buyer's name in residential contracts of sale, while historically standard, poses risks to buyer privacy and fairness. HB0013 takes a critical step by removing buyer names from contracts, ensuring decisions are based solely on objective factors such as offer terms, financial qualifications, and other non-discriminatory criteria.

This measure strengthens the privacy rights of homebuyers by safeguarding personal information and reducing opportunities for implicit or explicit bias during the transaction process. Privacy in such high-stakes decisions is not just a matter of preference—it is a fundamental right that should be upheld to protect individuals from potential discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, family status, or other protected characteristics.

In addition to protecting buyers, HB0013 also supports a more transparent and fair housing market. Sellers can evaluate offers based on the criteria most relevant to the sale, and real estate professionals can maintain their commitment to compliance with fair housing laws, building trust within the community.

As someone who values equity, privacy, and fairness in housing opportunities, I urge the passage of HB0013 to ensure homebuyers are protected from undue bias while fostering a more inclusive marketplace for all.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your commitment to creating a fairer housing market.

Sincerely,
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