



BIOECONOMY

COALITION OF MINNESOTA

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Dear Co-Chair Baker, Co-chair Pinto, Vice Chair Mekeland, Vice Chair Greenman, and members of the House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House File 3217. The Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota supports this bill, which would appropriate funds to make payments to bioindustrial facilities producing advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biomass thermal energy.

The Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota brings together everyone involved in the bioeconomy value chain for collective decision making and action to educate, evaluate environmental impacts and benefits, and incentivize sustainable products to benefit our environment and grow our economy. We envision a thriving Minnesota economy based on biobased products that benefit the environment, support communities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Minnesota Bioincentive Program has a track record of boosting Minnesota's economy and creating value across the bioeconomy supply chain. Additionally, the program only makes payments to participating companies after production has already started, making it a low-risk, high-reward investment for the state. However, the Bioincentive program has been underfunded for years. This bill will allow the program to satisfy its obligations to claimants and achieve its intended goals by compensating companies that benefit the state and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation, and for the opportunity to submit written testimony. The Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota urges your support for HF 3217.

Sincerely,

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