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House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee  
Chair Samantha Vang  
545 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Vang and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association, thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments regarding HF 3763, legislation to secure base funding in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) program.

The AGRI program is a critical tool in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's toolbox to support our state's agriculture and biofuel sectors by assisting with the development of new markets for agricultural products and increasing the efficiency and productivity of farmers and renewable energy producers. Our association strongly supports two specific programs under the AGRI umbrella, including the Biofuels Infrastructure grant program and the Bioincentive program.

We welcome additional resources and long-term certainty in the AGRI program and urge the committee to act favorably on HF 3763.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely,

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