



March 3, 2025

Representative Paul Anderson
Chair, House Agriculture Policy and Finance Committee
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Anderson,

Thank you for your service to our great state. We are writing today in enthusiastic support of the Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Program and House File 43. Minnesota, a leader in biofuels, has done an excellent job in marketing and growing our biofuels industry.

But a problem remains that over 80% of Minnesota's liquid fuel retailers are unable to sell anything over E-10 due to incompatible infrastructure. The Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Program is a tool to help retailers upgrade their infrastructure and sell higher blends of biofuels.

A change in the Governor's budget and House File 43 addresses owner eligibility. Currently, only businesses with 10 or fewer locations can apply. Fueling Minnesota supports the Governor's proposal which would allow organizations including local Farm COOPs—with many unmanned rural locations—to be eligible if they have 20 or fewer locations. This change would not upgrade all 20 stores but would broaden eligibility for the grants.

We look forward to this bill moving forward in the process and stand ready help in anyway in support of selling more liquid biofuels.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Gross", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Tim Gross
Executive Director
Fueling Minnesota