

Dear Representative,

My name is Alyssa Shank. I own and operate my own childcare business in southern Minnesota. I am asking for your support of HF4120. This bill would increase funding for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Farm to School grants. My daycare was a recipient this past fall of a mini Farm to Early Care grant. With this grant, we were able to purchase fresh produce from local farmers and an extra garden bed with child-sized gardening equipment.

This program enables young children to receive first-hand experiences of our local farms and food systems. I have noticed that children are more eager to eat vegetables such as cucumbers and green beans after we pick them from our garden. I hope that you will support bill HF4120 so that children and students all throughout Minnesota will get to share these experiences.

Sincerely,
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