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Co-Chair Paul Anderson
Co-Chair Rick Hansen
House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard., Room G3
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Co-Chair Anderson, Co-Chair Hansen, and members of the committee:

On behalf of Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU), I write to share our support for Co-Chair Anderson's bill to expand consumer access to higher blends of biofuels (HF4085). We believe this bill presents an important opportunity to grow the use of cleaner burning fuels, benefiting consumers, family farmers, and the climate.

MFU is a grassroots organization that has represented Minnesota's family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities since 1918. Our members support expanding the use of higher-octane, cleaner-burning biofuels, including through incentives for fuel retailers across the state. We often hear from members who want to purchase E15 and higher blend fuels but can't find a service station that sells it near their home or business. Purchasing blended fuel not only saves them money at the pump, but also ensures that their dollars are going back into Minnesota's agriculture economy.

Even beyond lowering consumer prices and benefiting our rural economy, improving consumer access to higher blend fuels like E15 through retailer incentives will lower carbon emissions from our existing transportation fleet. This proposal is a win-win-win for consumers, rural communities, and our shared efforts to curb emissions.

We appreciate your attention and leadership on this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our Government Relations Director, Stu Lourey, at stu@mfu.org or (320) 232-2047 (C). Thank you for considering the needs and perspectives of Minnesota's farm families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Wertish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "G" and "W".

Gary Wertish
President, Minnesota Farmers Union