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To: MN House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

Re: Proposed Bill Related to Plant and Soil Amendments Labeling

Minnesota Crop Production Retailers (MCPR) is a statewide trade association representing the agricultural co-ops and ag retailers in Minnesota.

MCPR supports the proposed plant and soil amendment labeling bill, which better aligns state policy language with industry practices regarding labeling requirements. The bill clarifies active ingredients that will be identified on the label, including any expiration dates for substances containing microorganisms. These provisions will allow our crop advisers and sales staff to have the information they need to make informed recommendations to our grower customers.

MCPR supports efforts to clarify that inert ingredients need not be listed on the label in ways that may reveal specific formulations. MCPR recognizes the need to protect proprietary information in a manner consistent with the standards in other states and markets to ensure the availability of these beneficial products in Minnesota.

Our ag retailers and industry partners are well-positioned to provide our grower customers with the agronomic advice, crop-protection tools, and operational support they need to produce their crops responsibly and efficiently.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful consideration and ongoing support for agriculture in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Lee Helgen, Executive Director
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers



March 23rd, 2026

Representative Paul Anderson, Co-Chair
Representative Rick Hansen, Co-Chair
House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee
Capitol Building Room G3

Re: Landscape Industry Comments Supporting HF XXXX (Harder) / Revisor Number 26-07984

Co- Chairs Anderson and Hansen, and Distinguished Committee Members,

The National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) is the national trade organization representing the \$3.1 billion landscape industry in Minnesota, that employs nearly 22,000 people in the state of Minnesota. Member companies specialize in lawn care, landscape maintenance, tree care, irrigation, and water management.

Our members are trained, state-certified landscape and lawncare professionals who work daily performing essential services to homes and businesses to maintain their landscapes, sustain the environment, and enhance and maintain healthy and safe green spaces.

We support HF XXXX (Harder) / Revisor Number 26-07984 as a commonsense, technical fix that improves efficiency without reducing transparency or safety.

Currently, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) requires plant and soil amendment labels to list both active and inert ingredients and their amounts, making Minnesota the only state with this requirement. This creates a patchwork system that increases costs, delays product availability, and could add confusion to product selection.

HF XXXX (Harder) / Revisor Number 26-07984 addresses this by:

- Requiring a **confidential certificate of composition** to be submitted to MDA, ensuring full ingredient transparency for regulators;
- Aligning with **AAPFCO national guidelines**, reducing inconsistency across states; and
- Streamlining the registration process, saving time and resources for both MDA and manufacturers.

Importantly, **this bill does not change what users see on product labels**. MDA will continue to have full access to ingredient information to ensure proper oversight.

Plant and soil amendments are essential tools for landscape businesses, helping improve soil health, strengthen plants, and support more sustainable practices. The current one-off labeling requirement creates unnecessary barriers to accessing these products and drives up costs.

HF XXXX (Harder) / Revisor Number 26-07984 is a targeted reform that supports efficiency, consistency, and a stronger business climate while maintaining robust regulatory oversight.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Papineau

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