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Chair Paul H. Anderson  
House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee  
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658 Cedar St  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Anderson and members of the committee,

On behalf of Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, which represents over 31,000 farm families across the state, I write in support of HF 857 and HF 38, bills funding the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI).

AURI serves as a necessary and powerful resource for Minnesota farmers, providing access to research, technology, and marketing tools that help them innovate and grow. Utilizing staff with extensive agriculture industry expertise, AURI assists farmers in developing new products while also creating opportunities to find additional markets for the commodities they currently raise.

To continue this important work, AURI requires appropriate funding to support staff salaries and appropriate cost of living increases, while also providing them the necessary resources to be able to perform the research and technical assistance farmers rely on.

We proudly support the vital role AURI plays in helping farmers expand their businesses. Thank you to the Committee for its consideration of HF 857 and HF 38.

Sincerely,

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