March 4, 2025

Chairman Paul Anderson
Minnesota House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee
State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee,

As a representative of Bird Control Group, I strongly support funding for wild bird deterrent solutions to protect poultry farms from the devastating impact of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Our company is committed to preventing conflicts between birds and human activities in a sustainable, cost-effective, and innovative manner. We design and manufacture laser bird deterrents that have demonstrated a bird reduction rate of more than 70%.

The principle of laser bird control is inspired by nature. Birds' most developed sense is sight, and they perceive laser lights on the green spectrum as physical objects. When the laser moves toward them, it triggers their natural fight-or-flight response, making them flee. Our AVIX Autonomic system is a fully autonomous deterrent that continuously keeps birds away, easily configured and monitored via a user-friendly app.

HPAI outbreaks have cost the poultry industry billions, jeopardizing food security, animal welfare, and livelihoods. By investing in advanced bird control technology like ours, we can safeguard farms, prevent economic losses, and reduce the need for costly culling measures. Proactive deterrent strategies are a critical, science-backed solution to securing the future of poultry farming.

I urge lawmakers to support this bill and prioritize funding for bird deterrent programs to protect our agricultural industry and public health.

Sincerely,

Craig Duhr
Bird Control Group