

March 9, 2023

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
State Office Building, Room 527
St. Paul, MN 55155-1232

Dear Chair Vang:

On behalf of the Animal Health Institute (AHI), we respectfully oppose HF 1150 prohibiting the registration of pesticides containing PFAS in the state, unless amended to exempt animal products approved and regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Animal Health Institute (AHI) is the national trade association representing the companies that make the animal medicines, vaccines and parasiticides, including flea and tick products, that keep animals and humans healthy.

This bill affects individually applied products, like those for companion or food animals. The PFAS in these important products are the actual active ingredient that are regulated by EPA and have gone through rigorous testing and analysis as a condition of approval for use. These products would be banned despite the rigorous EPA analysis that shows them to be effective and suitable for their intended use.

Many households rely on these affordable products to keep pets free from disease and, in some cases, these illnesses are zoonotic, or able to infect humans. These products allow pet owners to live in close proximity with their pets without fear of pest infestation or illnesses. Prohibiting registration of these products would ultimately make it impossible for animal health companies to provide access to these products to veterinarians, food producers and pet owners which in turn would be detrimental to the health of Minnesota residents and pets.

For these reasons, we ask that animal health products approved by the EPA not be subject to the requirements of this bill and offer this possible exemption language:

Pesticide products used to treat, or administered to, animals, approved and regulated under the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.).

We urge you to oppose HF 1150 unless amended with exemption language for animal health products. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mandy Hagan
Director, State Government Affairs

