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Mr. Nicholas Jordan
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Dear Professor Jordan,

Cargill was founded for farmers with a single grain warehouse that brought farm-grown food to market more than 150 years ago. Today, we are firm in that long-held commitment to actively support farmers and farm communities and do all we can to champion responsible land and water use. By innovating and implementing sustainable solutions that preserve our lands, conserve water sources, and support farming resiliency, we can help people and communities thrive for the long term and secure Minnesota's leadership in agribusiness.

Development of next generation crops is also critical to meeting Cargill's goal to nourish the world in a safe, responsible and sustainable way and advance regenerative agriculture practices across our supply chains. For years, Cargill has been active in the development of new crops, new food traits delivered through new and existing crops, and moving agriculture to a more sustainable future.

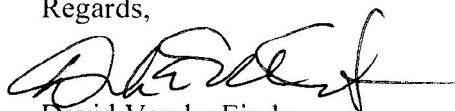
We see great promise in Forever Green Initiative's efforts to introduce new crops that coexist with traditional rotations to enhance sustainability and productivity of those rotations. Their work will give farmers additional options for using cover crops, and support land productivity by exploring new perennial crop concepts that can make better use of marginal land and position new crops to withstand the extreme volatility of our existing crop supply chains.

Public sector research such as that performed by Forever Green is instrumental in advancing our industry. Winter annual oilseeds hold particular interest due to their exceptional greenhouse gas profile and their potential to improve carbon sequestration and soil health. As the world looks for cleaner sources of oils and fuels, Cargill wants to facilitate the rapid and responsible development of supply chains for these advanced biofuels.

Cargill is honored to speak out in support of Forever Green Initiative and continue to identify ways to collaborate in this important area. Their work and research will help us continue to make step changes to address the sustainability challenge across the global food system, from reducing emissions across our global supply chains, to promoting sustainable farming practices. We are especially proud that this project will directly benefit the farming community here in Minnesota.

We support the bill before the MN State Legislature to fully fund the Forever Green Initiative.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David VandenEinde', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David VandenEinde

VP R&D, Global Edible Oils Group Leader