



April 29, 2021

Senator Mary Kiffmeyer
Chair, State Government Finance and Policy and
Elections
3103 Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Michael Nelson
Chair, State Government Finance and Elections
585 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support of Farmamerica appropriation

Dear Chairs Kiffmeyer and Nelson,

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is a grassroots organization with over 6,500 dues-paying members that advocates on behalf of and works in conjunction with the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council to conduct and fund research and provide educational programs for the benefit of Minnesota's 24,000 corn farmers.

Though their investment in the Minnesota corn check-off, the State's corn farmers support Farmamerica and its mission to connect people to the evolution of agriculture. With fewer Minnesota residents having a connection to the farm, outreach encouraging discussion and learning about modern agriculture is as important as ever.

MCGA would like to express our support for Farmamerica's appropriation included in the Senate position of the State Government Finance bill, subd.2, paragraph (d), lines 12.2-12.5. This appropriation would provide a one-time appropriation of \$250,000 for site improvements, classroom upgrades and expanded agricultural literacy programming at Farmamerica.

If there are any questions from members of the committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to Amanda Bilek (abilek@mncorn.org) or Alex Trunnell (atrunnell@mncorn.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Waibel", written in a cursive style.

Tim Waibel
President
Minnesota Corn Growers Association