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Minnesota House of Representatives
Commerce Finance & Policy Committee
Local Government Division
430 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155
Chair: Rep. Stephenson (35A)
Vice Chair: Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn (49B)

Re: Support for HF1315 / SF1321: Compostable product labeling

To: Commerce Finance & Policy Committee

NatureWorks is the leading global supplier of certified compostable biomaterials with our headquarters based in Plymouth, Minnesota.

NatureWorks supports HF 1315 and SF 1321 for the following reasons:

- Aligning composters, compostable product manufacturers, retailers, and distributors via the ASTM 6400 and D6868 standards and test methods will improve the business climate by reducing risks and easing compliance around acceptable compostable products locally.
- The bill will protect consumers from false environmental advertising and will help alleviate contamination from non-compostable packaging entering the compost stream, which undermines the viability of the compost industry in our state.
- With a successful track record supporting both business needs and compost infrastructure, the bill will position Minnesota as a leader in enacting product labeling within the industry.

For these reasons, we urge an “aye” vote on HF 1315 and SF 1321.

If there are any questions or concerns related to the bill language or about our company, please reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

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