



March 7, 2024

House Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee
State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: H.F. 3821 (Sencer-Mura) Food Safety and Defense Task Force provision expiration amended.

Dear Chair Vang & members of the committee,

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) appreciates the opportunity to share written testimony on behalf of our over 30,000 members in support of H.F. 3821, legislation to extend the Food Safety and Defense Task Force until 2037.

Conveniently, March is Food Awareness Month and it is our chance to showcase our farmers' and ranchers' hard work to grow and raise the food we consume every day. Their efforts of providing healthy and nutritious food for consumers is no easy task and it is of paramount that we secure food safety for years to come. During the month of March, Minnesota Farm Bureau takes time to showcase farming and ranching members through our Food Awareness Month. The educational programming highlights the daily work of farmers and ranchers to provide healthy and nutritious food to feed our communities. Our members' efforts on their farms and ranches work in tandem with the task force's research, education and outreach to secure food safety throughout the entire supply chain.

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force is instrumental in enhancing and promoting the safety standards of our food in the state. Through collaborative efforts with industry stakeholders, government agencies, and academic communities, the task force has suggested proactive measures to mitigate foodborne illnesses, address emerging threats, and strengthen the resilience of our agricultural sector.

For the reasons listed above, we respectfully ask the committee to support H.F. 3821 and its backing of the vital efforts carried out by the Food Safety and Defense Task Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Glessing'.

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