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Chair Bill Ingebrigtsen  
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3207  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Rick Hansen  
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee  
407 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Ingebrigtsen, Chair Hansen, and members of the Committee,

Thank you your work on your respective bills and the work that this conference committee will do. On behalf of our nearly 30,000 members across the state, the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation appreciates the opportunity to offer written testimony.

Minnesota Farm Bureau **opposes** the following provisions that are included in only the House version:

- Transition of the farmed Cervidae program from the Board of Animal Health to the Department of Natural Resources.
- The drainage registry information portal. This should be vetted by drainage stakeholders at the Drainage Working Group to foster mutual understanding of how the proposed registry will operate and be used. Further conversation needs to be held to determine how the registry will impact drainage system operations, particularly the maintenance of existing drainage systems.
- Financial assurance for feedlot permits. This language creates an unnecessary burden for farmers holding or seeking feedlot permits where there are current protections and incentives already in place.

Again, thank you for the time this committee takes to address the environmental issues facing Minnesota. We appreciate the continued opportunity to express the positions stated above.

Thank you,

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