



March 26, 2025

Representative Joe McDonald, Co-Chair  
Representative Samantha Vang, Co-Chair  
House Legacy Finance Committee  
Centennial Office Bldg  
658 Cedar St  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF 1259 (Burkel)

Dear Co-Chairs McDonald and Vang, and members of the committee,

I write on behalf of Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), representing over 31,000 family farm and ranch members across the state of Minnesota, to share support for HF 1259.

MFBF values the important role that Future Farmers of America (FFA) plays in agricultural education. This appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund will further enrich this education through history and arts activities. Students will have the opportunity to interpret and reflect on Minnesota's rich agricultural heritage and how it connects to the future of our industry. This funding will also bolster FFA band and choir, talent competitions, floriculture, and state fair landscape booths. Overall, these funds will help FFA continue to mold the next generation of agricultural and rural leaders in Minnesota.

Again, thank you for allowing MFBF to share our support for HF 1259. We thank the Committee for hearing this legislation and ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Dan Glessing, President  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

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