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April 1, 2021

Chair Mary Kiffmeyer  
Committee on State Government Finance and Policy and Election  
3103 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul MN 55155

RE: S.F. 2175 (Weber) Farmamerica grant appropriation

Dear Chair Kiffmeyer and Members of the Committee,

Vision: Agriculture is Valued by All! The dedication of Farmamerica to agriculture and education aligns well with the vision of the Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (MAITC). It is without hesitate, on behalf of the Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, that we submit to you our support for S.F. 2175 authored by Senator Weber, appropriating resources to support upgrades and educational opportunities at Farmamerica.

Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom provides educational resources and training to teachers to help educate students on the importance of agriculture in Minnesota, the United States, and the world. Farmamerica partners with MAITC and works to increase Agricultural Literacy in everything they do. This work is of benefit to our future consumers/voters/employees and all of agriculture. Agricultural Literacy is more than reading the words, it is "understanding", Farmamerica cultivates understanding through immersive experiences that expand the understanding of agricultures' past and present as well as share the opportunities in agricultural for the future.

Appropriating funds for Farmamerica will provide for a rich environment for generations to come to engage in learning, sharing and appreciating the history and future of the food, fiber and natural resources we all rely on. The capricious times we are experiencing in everyday life, is magnified in our education system and outreach programming. Farmamerica continues to focus on what they do well, provide unique sensory opportunities for youth and adults to explore, discover, and connect with agriculture in personal, hands-on ways.

Thank you in advance for helping open doors and minds and increasing agricultural literacy with hands on and immersive experiences at Farmamerica.

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Marie Ward".

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