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House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee Chair Mike Sundin 417 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd St. Paul, MN 551155

RE: H.F. 670 (Morrison)

Dear Chair Sundin and Committee Members,

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) appreciates the opportunity to share written testimony on behalf of our nearly 30,000 members outlining our concerns with HF 670 (Morrison).

H.F. 670 would prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos in Minnesota. This is an important crop production tool with no viable alternative. Many of our farmer members sometimes need to use pesticides like chlorpyrifos to manage pests and insect threats to their crops. In addition, this crop protection tool is currently going through the re-registration process under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). MFBF policy opposes a state of Minnesota ban on the use of chlorpyrifos which is federally regulated. We oppose the state placing additional restrictions on the use of agricultural chemicals approved by federal agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

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