



February 25, 2026

Representative Chris Swedzinski
Representative Tom Murphy
House Committee on Energy Finance and Policy
Capitol Building, Room 123
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Representative Patty Acomb
Representative Larry Kraft

Dear Representatives Swedzinski, Acomb, Murphy, and Kraft:

On behalf of the Minnesota Biofuels Association (MBA) and the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA), we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on HF 3298, legislation that would allow retailers to seek reimbursement from the Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Fund (Petrofund) for replacing single-walled steel piping between an underground petroleum storage tank and the fuel dispenser.

It has been a longstanding priority of our associations to facilitate the replacement of old service station infrastructure with new tanks, piping, and dispensers that are compatible with higher ethanol blends like E15, a gasoline-ethanol blend containing 15 percent ethanol that is often marketed as Unleaded 88.

HF 3298 would help retailers install new infrastructure that is compatible with higher biofuel blends, and we appreciate that replacement equipment eligible for reimbursement under the program must – at a minimum – be compatible with E25. As the Committee considers this legislation, we would encourage consideration on broadening eligibility to include more piping systems that are not directly compatible with E15 including fiberglass.

Upgrading Minnesota's fuel retail station infrastructure has dual benefits – it proactively mitigates risk from environmental spills and expands access to a more affordable fuel that saves Minnesota consumers money at the pump. According to a new statewide study¹, E15 was priced \$0.18 less than traditional E10 in 2024, which resulted in \$24.7 million in savings to Minnesota consumers. E15 has saved drivers nearly \$80 million since 2013.

Thank you for considering our comments and for your work to support Minnesota's renewable fuel producers, family farmers, and consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Werner".

Brian Werner
Executive Director
Minnesota Biofuels Association

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wesley Beck".

Wesley Beck
President
Minnesota Corn Growers Association

¹ [Cumulative Effects of E15 Sales to Minnesota Consumers.pdf](#)