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Rep. Zack Stephenson, Chair
House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee
449 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support of HF1315 (Pursell) Requirements for labeling items as biodegradable or compostable modified.

Dear Chair Stephenson and Members of the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota Solid Waste Administrators Association (SWAA) is an organization of county and solid waste district professionals and affiliated waste specialists and is an affiliate of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), which represents all 87 Minnesota counties. SWAA advocates for policies and funding that improve and promote responsible waste management and reduce environmental impacts of solid waste.

SWAA supports HF1315 to ensure proper labeling of compostable and biodegradable products. Contamination is a costly problem for collection programs and composting operations. Efforts to reduce waste will depend on the development of organics and composting programs. Accurate and understandable product labeling will eliminate confusion for residents and businesses trying to act responsibly and support industry success in Minnesota.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with our perspective on HF1315. Should you have any questions about the information provided above, please contact Brian Martinson, AMC Policy Analyst, at bmartinson@mncounties.org or 651-246-4156.

Sincerely,

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President, Solid Waste Administrators Association