

March 18th, 2026
House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Chair Paul Novotny
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Co-Chairs Moller and Novotny,

The undersigned organizations would like to express our support for HF 3651 that would allow for increased consistency in compatibility requirements at fuel locations across Minnesota.

Currently, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) allows for either an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listing or a manufacturer written compatibility statement for underground equipment while the Fire Marshall only allows a UL listing for aboveground equipment even if a manufacturer written compatibility statement exists.

Minnesota recently surpassed 550 fuel stations that are offering E15, commonly marketed as Unleaded 88, a fuel blend that contains 15 percent ethanol and is available for use in all vehicles 2001 and newer. Unleaded 88 provides a more affordable option while also providing higher octane and reduced carbon emissions without sacrificing vehicle efficiency. In 2025 Minnesotans bought over 144 million gallons of Unleaded 88 and saved on average 14 cents per gallon according to the Department of Commerce with consumers often seeing 20, 30 or even 50 cents per gallon savings at some fuel location.

HF 3651 would be a positive step toward increasing the availability of Unleaded 88. The bill would remove a potential barrier that would otherwise disallow a fuel station from offering unleaded 88 even if their equipment has been deemed compatible with blends above E10 by the manufacturer.

We would like to thank Rep. Harder for bringing this bill forward and thank you to the committee for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Minnesota Farmers Union