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Dear Representative Vang and members of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, I am writing to offer support for HF3264 and the financial assistance it provides for micro farm operations and for the Hmong American Farmers Association and the Latino Economic Development Center.

The funding made available to assist the operations of these local producers will benefit the farmers and their families and the broader community which relies on the local produce that they offer.

The farmers and the organizations (HAFA and LEDC) who support their work have generated vital knowledge, skills, foods, and economic value for our communities. Demand for local, sustainably produced foods is growing.

Additionally, the Farm to School programs benefit from robust, reliable local production and economic infrastructure to support it. Supporting HAFA and LEDC supports the purpose and goals of the popular Farm to School initiative, the schools enrolled in the programs and the children and families served by it.

Thank you for supporting this wise investment in local, sustainable food production.

Sincerely,
Marita Bujold