

Dear Chair Nash,

My name is Mark Laberee, owner of Waconia Tree Farms. I am writing to sincerely thank you for authoring HF3554 establishing Snow Professionals Appreciation Month.

This bill represents a thoughtful and meaningful recognition of the thousands of snow professionals across Minnesota who play an essential role in keeping our communities safe and functioning during the winter months. Their work—often done overnight, in extreme conditions, and during Holidays and weekends—ensures that roads, sidewalks, and public spaces remain accessible for residents, businesses, and emergency vehicles.

By designating every January as Snow Professionals Appreciation Month, this legislation not only honors the hard work and dedication of these individuals, but also helps raise public awareness about the critical role they play in our state's infrastructure and economy. Snow removal professionals are a vital part of Minnesota's winter economy, ranging from small local operators to large-scale commercial providers, and they deserve to be recognized.

I also appreciate that this bill encourages public education and awareness, helping Minnesotans better understand and respect the efforts required to manage winter weather safely and effectively.

Thank you again for your leadership in bringing forward this important piece of legislation. It is a meaningful way to show appreciation for a workforce that keeps Minnesota moving through our harsh winter conditions.

We are proud to have you as our State Representative supporting our industry professionals and our district.

Sincerely,

Mark Laberee

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