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Mark Nisley
Committee Administrator
Email: Mark.nisley@house.mn.gov
Re: HF2446

House Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed MN Department of Ag increases to the fees for examination and license for grain buyers included in HF2446, Section 62.

While our company understands the need to cover the expenses incurred by the department, the proposed change will increase the fee that we are currently paying by 250%. That is a substantial increase to absorb in one year. As I read it, we will reach the cap amount for each of our locations. I would propose that the cap amount be lowered from the \$4,000 included in the bill to \$2,000. At that level our increase would still be 139%.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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