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Dear Members of the Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee:

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) would like to express its support for the reappointment of Thom Petersen as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The MSCA appreciates the support that Thom has provided agricultural producers in the state of Minnesota during his time as Commissioner.

MSCA members recognize the effort Thom puts into his role as Commissioner. He spends countless hours traveling the State to interact directly with farmers and farm organizations, including the MSCA and its members. In addition, he provided steady leadership during the effort to pass a legislative drought relief package last year.

It is with confidence that the MSCA supports Thom Petersen for the position of Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Please feel free to contact Kaitlyn Root at (320) 535-0944 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Root
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