

Minnesota Association of Townships



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MN State Legislators
St. Paul, MN, 55155

Re: Support HF80 & SF1312 – County Agricultural Inspector Grants & Noxious Weeds

Dear MN State Legislator:

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) asks for your support for HF80 & SF1312, which provides grants to support the operations of County Agricultural Inspectors. One of the responsibilities of County Agricultural Inspectors is to help carry out Minnesota's noxious weed laws. As you may already know, noxious weeds are plants that the State's Department of Agriculture has identified as detrimental to human or animal health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. Noxious weeds pose serious problems for many Minnesotans, and County Agricultural Inspectors are critical in alleviating those problems.

MAT supports this bill because County Agricultural Inspectors support our Township Supervisors. By law, the township supervisors in every township are designated as the weed inspectors within their townships. Townships work closely with County Agricultural Inspectors to fulfill the Townships' duties to find and remove noxious weeds. County Agricultural Inspectors provide training, sample documents, and support to township officers as they work to fulfill their responsibilities. The funding in HF80 & SF1312 would help Townships do their part in addressing the State's noxious weed problems.

Please support and pass HF80 & SF1312, to support all Minnesota Counties and Townships.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Krueger".

Jeff Krueger
MAT – Executive Director