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Senate Agriculture, Broadband and Rural Development Committee
Chair Aric Putnam
3215 Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Avenue West
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Putnam and Members of the Committee,

I write on behalf of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, representing nearly 30,000 farm family members across the state of Minnesota, to share support for SF 1524, a bill to appropriate funds to the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI). The AURI serves as a necessary and powerful resource for Minnesota farmers, helping them to access research, technology, and marketing tools to help guide their farms into the future.

Using a staff team with extensive agricultural industry expertise, the AURI aims to provide farmers with access to end-product development tools, which enable them to market new products produced on their farms, while also creating opportunities to find additional markets for the commodities they currently grow.

To be able to continue its important work the AURI must be funded at appropriate levels, allowing staff to receive an appropriate cost of living increase for their efforts, while also giving them the necessary resources to be able to perform the research and technical assistance that our farmers rely on.

We are proud to support the AURI in its vital role of helping farmers expand their agricultural businesses into the future, and thank the committee for its consideration of SF 1524.

Sincerely,

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