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The Honorable Matt D. Klein  
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
2105 Minnesota Senate Bldg.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: Support SF 1459 – Sales reporting requirements for intermediate biofuel blends**

Chairman Klein and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

We write to you today in strong support of SF 1459, a bill to extend and improve sales reporting requirements for intermediate blends of gasoline and biofuel in Minnesota.

Bioethanol production supports thousands of family farms and good-paying rural jobs across Greater Minnesota. Most importantly, the millions of gallons of plant-based bioethanol we produce as a state reduce the need for imported fossil fuels, displace dangerous chemicals in gasoline that contribute to air pollution, and deliver meaningful fuel savings for Minnesotans at the pump.

As home-state biofuel producers, we are incredibly proud of Minnesota's longstanding policy leadership on renewable fuels – especially the distinction of being the first state to require a minimum 10% bioethanol fuel blend. Today, Minnesota also has the highest bioethanol blending rate in the nation and the largest number of E15 retail locations in any state.

It is critically important to accurately report sales volumes of E15 and higher bioethanol fuel blends. Fuel retailers, policymakers, and the public deserve a complete and accurate measure of the demand, historical growth, and price savings attributable to E15 and higher blends to make fully informed decisions.

SF 1459 is a commonsense extension of existing reporting tools that will give everyone a clearer picture of the market for E15 and higher blends and help Minnesota retain its title as a national leader in bioethanol. We strongly encourage the members of the committee to support it.

Sincerely,

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