

February 28, 2023

Dear Chair Klein and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mark Debore, and I run Erwin's Service and Towing, a service station in Hills, Minnesota. My gas station was started by my father, Erwin, and has been a family business for 44 years. I am writing in support of SF 1868.

SF 1868 removes a restriction on how gas stations in Minnesota can run their businesses. We are not able to set competitive prices or offer regular discounts to our customers. We also cannot compete with gas stations in neighboring states like South Dakota, where gas stations can sell gas without having to inflate their prices, and with larger chains in the state that can get their gas at cheaper rates or circumvent the law by operating on a membership basis. Having the ability to develop competitive pricing strategies would give me more flexibility with how I run my business and benefit my customers.

Thank you for considering this important bill. It will help my small business and offer real benefits for consumers.

Sincerely,

Mark Debore

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