



March 1, 2023

Chair Matt Klein
Ranking Member Gary Dahms
Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Room G-15 Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55155

Dear Chair Klein and Ranking Member Dahms:

On behalf of the Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and representing the renewable fuel industry in Minnesota, I write in support of the Liquid Fuel Modernization Act (S.F. 1163).

One of the main legislative goals of the Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association is to increase the availability of higher blends of ethanol, which have the benefit of driving commodity demand for farmers, lowering consumer energy costs at the pump, providing economic development in Greater Minnesota, and improving air quality through decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

In the last several years, we have seen that consumers increasingly purchase higher blends of biofuels when they are more widely available in the marketplace. In calendar year 2022, Minnesota sold over 100 million gallons of E15, which is commonly marketed as Unleaded 88 at the pump. Those gallons not only extend our fuel supply but lowered the price of fuel for consumers by between 10 – 30 cents per gallon.

The Liquid Fuel Modernization Act (S.F. 1163) would provide Minnesotans with more access to E15 and other higher blends of biofuel by providing a consistent, dependable source of funding for retail gas stations to upgrade their infrastructure. The reimbursement program established in the bill will allow all fuel retailers in Minnesota to install higher blend equipment and offer cleaner burning biofuels that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save consumers money.

We still have work to do to meet our statutory petroleum replacement goal of 30 percent biofuel by 2025. S.F. 1163 will help us get there while maintaining Minnesota leadership on renewable fuels. We urge you support its passage.

Sincerely,

Brian Werner
Executive Director
Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association