



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 strong support of S.F. 1459, legislation to extend and improve sales reporting requirements for intermediate blends of gasoline and biofuels in Minnesota.

Because of forward thinking and proactive policies, Minnesota has emerged as a national leader in the production and consumption of low-cost, low-carbon biofuels. We were the first state in the nation to require that gasoline contain 10 percent ethanol and were an early adopter in selling E15 fuel in 2013. Today, we have 425 retail stations offering E15 fuel and an ethanol blend rate of 12.58 percent, both of which are the highest in the nation.

Minnesota is the only state that reports monthly E15 sales volumes through the Minnesota Department of Commerce. As a result, the state has been able to better track sales growth and consumer savings. Extending and improving existing reporting tools will allow for an even better understanding of the demand, growth, and price savings associated with E15 and help inform policy decisions and ensure that Minnesota retains its leadership in our nation's homegrown energy economy.

The Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association strongly supports S.F. 1459 and urges the Committee to action favorably upon it.

Sincerely,

Brian Werner
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