



March 3, 2024

Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Putnam & members of the committee,

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) appreciates the opportunity to share written testimony on behalf of our 30,000 farm and ranch family members. We would like to thank the committee for the diligent work you have put in this legislative session and appreciate the chance to submit brief comments on S.F. 4026 and S.F. 4291 regarding food labeling.

Proper food labeling is essential for fostering trust and transparency among consumers, allowing them to make informed choices about the products they purchase and the methods by which they are produced. Farmers and ranchers work diligently every day raising and producing high-quality, nutritious food for our communities. Any discussion surrounding alternative food sources should not diminish the importance of farming practices or the quality of their products.

MFBF supports prohibiting the use of commonly known and industry recognized “meat” terms in the labeling and advertising of all lab-grown and plant-based products. Such actions would safeguard the integrity of meat labeling, ensuring that consumers receive clear and accurate information about the products they are purchasing.

We thank the authors and coauthors for their efforts to provide more clarification and understanding of food products to the consumer. As these bills move through the committee process, we hope to assist and provide feedback on legislation that better represents the interests of our agricultural community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Glessing', is written in a cursive style.

Dan Glessing