



March 5, 2024

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

RE: S.F. 4000 (Gustafson) Expiration of Food and Safety Defense Task Force provisions amendment

Dear Chair Putnam & members of the committee,

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) appreciates the opportunity to share written testimony on behalf of our nearly 30,000 members to support S.F. 4000, legislation to extend the Food Safety and Defense Task Force until 2037.

Conveniently, March is Food Awareness Month and it is our chance to showcase our farmers' and ranchers' hard work to grow and raise the food we consume every day. Their efforts of providing healthy and nutritious food for consumers is no easy task and is it of paramount that we secure food safety for years to come.

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force has been instrumental in enhancing and promoting the safety standards of our food in the state. Through collaborative efforts with industry stakeholders, government agencies, and academic communities, the task force has suggested proactive measures to mitigate foodborne illnesses, address emerging threats, and strengthen the resilience of our agricultural sector.

For the reasons listed above, we respectfully ask the committee to support S.F. 4000 and its backing of the vital efforts carried out by the Food Safety and Defense Task Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Glessing', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dan Glessing