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**To:** Senate Agriculture, Broadband and Rural Development Committee

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**RE:** **1<sup>st</sup> Engrossment S.F. 4782 agriculture provisions**

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**S.F. 4782** is the Office of Cannabis Management's first agency bill. It contains modifications related to cannabis, particularly regarding licensing and medical cannabis. There are three sections in the bill under the agriculture committee's jurisdiction. The following is a summary of those matters:

**Section 2 (18K.03)** adds a subdivision to the section of statute relating to possession in the industrial hemp chapter specifying the sales allowed to cannabis and hemp businesses.

**Section 23 (342.01, subdivision 19)** clarifies that a cannabis plant is not industrial hemp in the cannabis chapter.

**Section 47 (342.17)** describes the qualifications for an applicant to receive license priority consideration as a social equity applicant. The bill strikes emerging farmers as a class included in the social equity applicants, and inserts "is currently a farmer or an aspiring cannabis farmer who faces barriers to education or employment."