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Dear Chair Klein,

I write to you in support of SF1306, Senator Rasmusson's wine transfer bill. The city of Fergus Falls owns and operates two municipal liquor stores that serve our community. We provide a high-quality liquor establishment that encourages moderation and responsibility.

We make the utmost effort to control our inventory. There is a balance between stocking the products our community desires and ensuring minimal amounts of our inventory go to waste. Within the same city, products that sell at one of our stores sometimes will not sell at another. Wine is perishable, so when wine does not sell it goes to waste.

While stranded merchandise accounts for a small percentage of wine sales, it is a financial impact and an inconvenience. Allowing commonly owned liquor stores to transfer a small amount of wine is an operating convenience that reduces waste. We respectfully encourage you to support the passage of SF1306 in your role as Chair of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Bremseth".

Andrew Bremseth  
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City of Fergus Falls, MN