

March 26th, 2024

Committee Chair and Committee Members:

My name is Irma Márquez Trapero and I am submitting this letter on behalf of LatinoLEAD in support of SF3869 / HF 3705.

As an organization, some of our priorities include the economic wellbeing of our Latino population in the state, access to better professional opportunities, and ensuring that Latinos thrive in a healthy and sustainable environment.

SF3869 / HF3705 ensures that Latinos continue to get employment in the industry to sustain themselves and their families. Additionally, it also helps promote a more sustainable way of living and maintaining our properties by conserving a vast amount of water, not having to use pesticides, and avoiding harmful fertilizers.

SF3869 / HF3705 also promotes freedom to do what we believe is best with our own properties and for our children; and gives homeowners another option to control runoff.

For the reasons described above, we support the environmental benefits that SF3869 / HF3705 will provide for Minnesota.

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