



March 10, 2025

Chair Aric Putnam
Senate Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
3215 Minnesota Senate Bldg
95 University Ave W
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Putnam and members of the committee,

Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), representing over 31,000 farm families across the state, appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of SFs 881 and 1507.

Minnesota is a leader in renewable fuels, but a current challenge in the biofuel industry is the lack of stable funding for fuel infrastructure upgrades. More than 20 percent of Minnesota's underground storage tanks (USTs) are over 30 years old, posing environmental risks due to potential leakage. Proactively addressing this issue before leaks occur will help prevent costly environmental damage.

Expanding the use of renewable fuels is one of the fastest ways to lower emissions in our state. Biofuels benefit all Minnesotans by lowering gas prices, improving air quality, and strengthening the economy. Investing in biofuels also gives farmers the opportunity to contribute to producing cleaner-burning, higher-octane fuels that reduce greenhouse gases.

MFBF supports increasing biofuel use, and we are excited about the opportunities SFs 881 and 1507 provide to expand the renewable fuel industry while reducing emissions and protecting our soil, air, and water.

Sincerely,

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