



March 10, 2025

Senator Aric Putnam
Chair, Senate Agriculture, Veteran, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
3215 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Putnam,

Thank you for your service to our great state. We are writing today in enthusiastic support of the Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Program and Senate Files 881 and 1507. Minnesota, a leader in biofuels, has done an excellent job in marketing and growing our biofuels industry.

But a problem remains that over 80% of Minnesota's liquid fuel retailers are unable to sell anything over E-10 due to incompatible infrastructure. The Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Program is a tool to help retailers upgrade their infrastructure and sell higher blends of biofuels.

A change in the Governor's budget and Senate File 1507 addresses owner eligibility. Currently, only businesses with 10 or fewer locations can apply. Fueling Minnesota supports the Governor's proposal which would allow organizations including local Farm COOPs—with many unmanned rural locations—to be eligible if they have 20 or fewer locations. This change would not upgrade all 20 stores but would broaden eligibility for the grants.

We look forward to this program moving forward in the process and stand ready to help in anyway in support of selling more liquid biofuels.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Gross", with a large, sweeping flourish above it.

Tim Gross
Executive Director
Fueling Minnesota