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Senate Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee Chair Senator Aric Putnam Minnesota Senate Building Room 3215 St. Paul, MN 551155

Dear Chair Putnam and members of the committee,

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA), representing around 1,000 members, is submitting this written testimony in support of adjusting the cost-share percentages to 50 percent of the first \$20,000 and 20 percent of the next \$220,000 of qualifying expenditures through livestock investment grants in SF 2147. We recognize the significant impact this livestock investment grant can have on cattle operations and feel that this adjustment will improve cattle operations in the state of Minnesota.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to reach out to MSCA's Executive Director Kaitlyn Root at 763-479-1011 or at kaitlyn@mnsca.org.

Sincerely,

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President

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