



March 12, 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,

I write on behalf of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, representing over 31,000 family farm and ranch members across the state of Minnesota, to share support for SF 305.

Our members understand how important it is to have adequate livestock processing facilities throughout Minnesota, along with programs that assist existing facilities in improving their operations while also helping new processors receive the support they need to succeed.

Furthermore, small and mid-sized processors are critical to meeting consumer demand for locally sourced, specialty, and value-added meat and dairy products. Providing financial support for these facilities will help diversify our processing infrastructure, strengthen our state's food security, and create high-quality jobs in communities that depend on agriculture. Increased processing capacity will in turn help boost farm income and empower farmers to continue producing the high-quality foods that feed our state and beyond.

We thank Senator Lang for authoring this legislation and ask for the Committee's support.

Sincerely,

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