

**Senate Environment, Climate, & Legacy Committee Hearing
April 3, 2025**

Written Testimony in Support of SF 1247: Wild Rice Act

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Dear Senators,

I'm writing today in support of Senate bill SF 1247.

As a Minnesotan who loves my state this bill is important to me as it will protect our waters from pesticide run off that is hazardous to my and other Minnesotans' health. It will also help protect our environment making sure Minnesota is a safe, healthy, and beautiful place to live for years to come.

As a person of faith the bill is also important to me as I believe we should stand in solidarity with our Indigenous neighbors by helping ensure that they are able to continue their sacred practices and traditions. The wild rice beds are an important part of their sacred practices and must be protected from pesticides and other threats. Thank you for standing with our Indigenous neighbors in supporting this bill.