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Minnesota Senate Committee on Labor
Minnesota Senate Bldg. – Room 1100
95 University Ave. W.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Minnesota Turkey Growers Association Written Support of SF310

Dear Chairs McEwen and Dornink, and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor,

On behalf of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association (MTGA), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed amendments in Senate File 310, which seeks to refine the definition of a farm employee for purposes of earned sick and safe time. This amendment is supported by our members as it improves how employment regulations are applied across various sectors.

Minnesota's turkey farmers are committed to producing high-quality, nutritious protein for families across the state of Minnesota and beyond. The proposed amendment recognizes the practical realities of growing turkeys in Minnesota with minimal outside labor. By providing targeted exemptions for small-scale agricultural employers, like turkey farms, this legislation strikes a thoughtful balance between the intent of the original law and supporting the viability of family-run agricultural enterprises.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to policies that strengthen Minnesota's turkey industry and broader agricultural community.

We urge the Committee to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,



Jake Vlaminck
President
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