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Chair Ann Rest
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St. Paul, MN 55155

I am writing to express my strong support for SF 1498, which ensures fair and equitable agricultural property classification for all farmers, regardless of acreage. As Minnesota's largest nonprofit food hub, The Good Acre works with over 140 small farmers and producers, generating more than \$2 million in sales, with 78% of that produce coming from farmers of color. Through this lens, we recognize that agricultural land comes in all sizes, and specialty crop farmers—especially those growing on smaller parcels—play a critical role in local and regional food security.

In 2022, nearly 90% of the \$1.38 million in produce sourced through our hub came from farmers operating on 10 acres or less. These farmers grow fresh, unprocessed food that nourishes our communities, yet current tax classifications do not fairly reflect their contributions.

As climate change threatens food production, expanding regional food systems is essential for long-term sustainability and food security. SF 1498 is a crucial step in removing barriers that prevent small and specialty crop farmers from accessing fair property classification, ensuring that more farmers can grow more food for our communities.

I urge you to support SF 1498 and stand with Minnesota's farmers in strengthening our agricultural future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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