

May 7, 2025

Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair Minnesota Senate Taxes Committee 328 Capitol 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 2374 (Rest)

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of our 31,000 family farm and ranch members, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) appreciates the opportunity to share our support for several provisions in the A-4 delete-everything amendment to SF 2374, the omnibus tax bill. Based on MFBF policy set by our statewide grassroots membership, we specifically want to identify support for the following items:

- Limited liability company eligibility for the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit
 - o Art. 1, Sec. 3 (Lines 2.28-5.2)
 - o SF 1428 (Weber) Beginning farmer tax credits eligibility expansion provision
- Eliminating the funding cap on the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit
 - o Art. 1, Sec. 4-6, 18 (Lines 5.3-8.28, 20.15-21.15)
 - o SF 1419 (Putnam) Agricultural assets owners available credit cap elimination provision
- Increasing the allowable number of shareholders, members, or partners for entity-owned agricultural homestead property from 12 to 18
 - o Art. 2, Sec. 8 (Lines 42.16-44.10)
 - SF 755 (Anderson) Shareholder limit increase for entity-owned agricultural homestead property
- Adding nonlinear family members as eligible to farm a property with special agricultural homestead status
 - o Art. 2, Sec. 9 (Lines 44.11-50.3)
 - o SF 245 (Weber) Qualified relatives expansion for special agricultural homestead
- Amending residency requirements for special agricultural homestead status to allow the property owner and person actively farming the property to live anywhere within the county where the property is located or an adjacent county
 - o Art. 2, Sec. 9 (Lines 44.11-50.3)
 - o SF 2772 (Rasmusson) Special agricultural homestead requirements modifications
- Establishment of an agricultural water quality tax credit in southeast Minnesota
 - o Art. 2, Sec. 14-16 (Lines 63.15-65.19)
 - SF 1269 (Drazkowski) Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program credit for certain acres establishment and appropriation

- Updates to the sustainable aviation fuel tax credit
 - o Art. 8 (Lines 142.7-144.20)
 - o SF 1312 (Rest) Allocation increase for the credit for sustainable aviation fuel

MFBF deeply appreciates the Committee's work to craft a strong tax bill for Minnesota agriculture. If there are any questions from members of the Committee, please reach out to Loren Dauer, Director of Public Policy, at loren.dauer@fbmn.org or Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist, at hunter.pederson@fbmn.org. Thank you for your support of farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.

Sincerely,

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