

MINNESOTA FARMERS UNION

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Rep. Tim Kelly, Chair Transportation Policy and Finance Committee 559 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Chair Kelly,

Regards

On behalf of the membership of the Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU), I am writing to express our organization's support for H.F. 620 authored by Rep. Denny McNamara that allows increased truck weights up to 90,000 pounds spread over 6 axels or 97,000 pounds, spread over 7 axles.

MFU has supported the current law that has allowed raw agricultural products to be hauled at these weights in Minnesota already. Passage of this law would help address issues of moving other agriculture products such as fertilizer at loads that are closer to truck capacity.

Our farmers especially, that live on the border of Minnesota have noted that those states allow this level of weight for hauling with little problems occurring. Thank-you for your consideration.

Doug Peterson, President