From:	Glen Groth
To:	Gunderson, Larry (MDA)
Subject:	Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule Comments
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Dear Supervisor Gunderson,

As a father of two young girls, water quality is important to me. As a farmer, maintaining my farm for those two girls is also important. I feel it is necessary to protect our groundwater, but that effort must be balanced with the need to maintain a vibrant agriculture economy.

I encourage MDA and MPCA to carefully consider the economic impacts of any restriction on the application of Nitrogen on Minnesota farms. There are many things that farmers can do and are already doing to apply nitrogen in a way that maximizes productivity while protecting waters. Current good practices should be encouraged. There are some steps proposed by environmental groups that should not be considered. These include such mandating a different crop rotation, prohibiting Nitrogen applications all together, and mandating cover crops.

Farmers need flexibility when managing their crops. Firm mandates should be avoided.

Sincerely,

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