From: Montgomery, Bruce (MDA)
To: Wolf, Katie (MDA); Gunderson, Larry (MDA); Schaust, Jen (MDA)
Subject: Farmers Union--- Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:37:53 AM

From: Thom Petersen [mailto:thom@mfu.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:06 PM
To: Frederickson, Dave (MDA) <dave.frederickson@state.mn.us>
Cc: Stokes, Susan (MDA) <susan.stokes@state.mn.us>; Montgomery, Bruce (MDA) <bruce.montgomery@state.mn.us>; Place, Whitney (MDA) <whitney.place@state.mn.us>; Dolkar, Tenzin (GOV) <tenzin.dolkar@state.mn.us>; Gary Wertish <gary@mfu.org>; Bryan Klabunde <Bryan@mfu.org>; Stamper, Joshua (MDA) <joshua.stamper@state.mn.us>
Subject: Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

Commissioner:

On behalf of MFU President Gary Wertish and the membership of Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU), I am writing to officially request an extension of the August 11th deadline to submit comments for the Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule of at least one month. MFU appreciates the effort that has been made by MDA and staff to have an open, informational and accessible process, but we are starting to have questions from members in especially Northwest and East Central Minnesota and we do worry about timing on commenting and understanding impacts. MFU has not had an opportunity to discuss in person with our full board which does need meet until the 18th of August, one week after deadline. For our organization that opportunity would be helpful to be able to discuss before commenting. Again, thank-you for the work of your agency and your staff they have been very helpful, and we urge consideration of an extension.

Thom Petersen, Director of Gov't Relations