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To: Larry Gunderson – Minnesota Department of Agriculture

From: Marshall County Board of Commissioners

RE: Letter of Opposition to Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

Dear Mr. Gunderson:

Please be advised that at the Marshall County Board of Commissioners meeting held August 15, 2017, the Marshall County Board passed a motion to compose this letter of opposition to the proposed Daft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule for the following reasons;

- No data to support that water quality issues exist or are even developing in Northwest Minnesota. The Public offered to provide data from private tests, but this was not accepted.

- Complete inability by farmers and suppliers to meet all fertilization needs in the spring

- Concerns of on farm storage inadequacies and environmental risks associated with this

- Rule should not be a “blanket” rule for the entire state – all parts of state are different

- Potential financial losses by farmers due to improper timelines for fertilization

- The Department of Ag not “hearing’ what is being said with concerns at “listening” sessions

We respectfully request that this rule not be implemented and that these concerns and those of our residents are properly addressed.

Sincerely,

Rolland Miller
Marshall County Board Chairperson