

Michigan Agri-Business Association

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Michigan Senate Lansing, MI 48933

Members of the Michigan Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture,

On behalf of the Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA), I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bills 235 and 236, introduced by Senator Singh and Senator Bellino. These bills represent a timely, practical step toward expanding the production and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in Michigan. This is critical to help deliver long-term benefits for both our environment and our rural economy.

Michigan agriculture has a strong entrepreneurial spirit and desire to remain at the "cutting edge" of global demand. The industry's leadership on clean fuels goes back decades, and Michigan agriculture is today positioned to help advance SAF amid a rapidly-emerging new economic opportunity. These advanced, sustainable fuels are a top priority for aviation industry end users, and the increase in demand for SAF translates to new demand for Michigan-grown crops.

Michigan farmers and rural businesses are ready to meet this opportunity. SAF production and new demand for it will have a direct impact on our state's agricultural economy, and MABA's rural business members beyond the farm gate. Farmers' economic success benefits businesses of all kinds that support them, including grain handlers; ag retailers that supply seed, crop nutrients and technology; logistics and professional services providers; and beyond. By establishing a targeted tax credit for the production of SAF, this legislation supports the farmers and agribusinesses that grow and supply the renewable feedstocks used in cleaner-burning fuels.

I urge the Committee to advance this bipartisan legislation. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

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