

Chairman Holmberg and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee

My name is Jeff Zueger, I am the CEO of Midwest AgEnergy, Blue Flint Ethanol, and Dakota Spirit AgEnergy. I am here to testify in favor of SB-2245.

Blue Flint Ethanol is currently shipping Dried Distillers Grains through the Minot Intermodal Facility. The facility has provided access to markets that we would have limited access to without the facility. Access to these additional markets is creating value for our Blue Flint facility and provides logistic options for us to consider in balancing our rail fleet demands. Improved feed values naturally improve our bottom line enabling us to continue to procure corn as our feedstock and create value for our farmer supply partners.

We support efforts to ensure that the Minot Intermodal Facility continue operations thereby, providing market access opportunities for those in the region.

Thank you.