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Peter Strohmeier
Committee Administrator
Minnesota House of Representatives
Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
Local Government Division
430 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for HF 1315 (and companion SF 1321) expanding the state compostable bag labeling law to cover food or beverage products and packaging received by composting facilities

To: Environment & Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee

NatureWorks is the leading global supplier of certified compostable biomaterials with our headquarters based in Plymouth, MN.

NatureWorks supports HF 1315 and SF 1321 for the following reasons:

- Composters in Minnesota recognize and accept the ASTM 6400 and D6868 standards and test methods and want products to be certified to these standards.
- The bill will also ensure that compostability claims are accurate by requiring that compostable products are certified against standards that reflect the ability for these products to breakdown and become incorporated into the composting process.
- The bill will protect consumers from false environmental advertising and will help alleviate contamination from non-compostable packaging entering the compost stream.

For these reasons, we urge an “aye” vote on HF 1315 and SF 1321.

If there are any questions or concerns related to the bill language or about our company, please reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,
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