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The Honorable Dee Long
Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Long:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 348, House File 1415/Senate File 1501, a bill relating to wheat and barley promotion orders.

This bill would grant wheat and barley promotion councils the ability to levy assessments on wheat and barley grown outside Minnesota but sold within the state. Minnesota producers currently have the opportunity to gain refunds on their assessments but the proposed law would require grain companies, cooperatives, and producers from other states or Canada to pay the assessment without a feasible means of obtaining a refund. This acts as a tax on wheat and barley grown outside Minnesota and violates the principles of domestic interstate commerce as well as Article III of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and Article 105 of the U. S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

c: Senator Allan Spear, President of the Senate
Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
Senator Dean Johnson, Minority Leader
Representative Irv Anderson, Majority Leader
Representative Steve Sviggum., Minority Leader
Representative Wally Sparby, Chief Author
Senator LeRoy Stumpf, Chief Author
Mr. Patrick Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House
Ms. Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State