



Friends of Minnesota Scientific & Natural Areas

April 6, 2021

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair, and
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
Via e-mail only: Peter.Strohmeier@house.mn

**Re: Support of HF 1076 (DE2): Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Bill
Section 29 (page 188) – Support ban on neonicotinoid insecticides and chlorpyrifos on
state land**

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021; 1:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Hansen and Committee Members:

Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (FMSNA) is a Minnesota non-profit, tax-exempt [“501(c)(3)”] corporation organized to protect and enhance Minnesota’s Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs).

These 168 SNAs are the crown jewels of Minnesota’s state land base, protecting some of Minnesota’s rarest and most sensitive plant and animal species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.

The Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Bill (HF 1076, DE2), section 29 (lines 188.7 to 188.10) contains the language:

“Sec. 29. [84.9735] INSECTICIDES ON STATE LANDS.

A person may not use a product containing an insecticide in a wildlife management area, state park, state forest, aquatic management area, or scientific and natural area if the insecticide is from the neonicotinoid class of insecticides or contains chlorpyrifos.”

Our organization **fully supports this language** as another step towards protecting public health, along with a healthy ecosystem.

Public education efforts to discourage the use of neonicotinoid insecticides and chlorpyrifos have failed to result in meaningful change. Although educational efforts to increase public awareness remain important, **legislation is required to adequately address neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos insecticide pollution.**

Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas thanks you in advance for your favorable vote.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Casey

Thomas E. Casey
Board Chair
Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas, Inc

Please send correspondence to:

2854 Cambridge Lane
Mound, MN 55364
telephone: (952) 472-1099
e-mail: tcasey@frontiernet.net

cc: Representative Rick Hansen, via e-mail: rep.rick.hansen@house.mn