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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB42

Hon. members of the Rules Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. I am a semi retired small farmer in in the Saint Paul area and am concerned with the additional bureaucracy this bill creates on top of an unreasonable pile we already have to deal with. I oppose the bill for the following reasons:

1. The bill changes the law regarding the fiscal impact statements that state agencies are already required to prepare for all for rulemaking. The changes unfortunately make the statements unbalanced and skewed. For example, the bill would require the agency to "consider resultant job loss and consumer cost impacts" of proposed rules, but without also requiring inclusion of potential benefits and job growth.

2. The provisions allowing as few as 10 folks unhappy with the results of the public process to relitigate the rule in a decidedly non public way is likely to bring rule making to a halt on controversial subjects. I agree there are too many rules being made but submit that is the fault of the legislature making too many laws, especially vaguely written laws that require many rules to be effective. We should be at least trying to make the state government more open and efficient. This law would simply gum up the works and prevent any rules from being written, whether good or bad.

Please put this bill in the round file where it belongs.

Sincerely
Dan Keeley