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EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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In Reply Refer to:
EPA File No: 01D-19-R5

Dave Fredrickson, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155-2538

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Commissioner Fredrickson:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received correspondence on October 16, 2018, alleging discrimination based on disabilities in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

ECRCO is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. ECRCO will review the correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within ECRCO's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, ECRCO will notify you as to whether it will accept the complaint for investigation or reject it, or refer it to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact me by telephone at (202) 564-4174, or by email at Rhines.Dale@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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