



Dear MCPR Members,

I am writing today to introduce myself as the new Executive Director for the Minnesota Crop Production Retailers. I am honored to join this highly respected agribusiness organization as we continue our mission to promote the proper use, storage, and application of crop production inputs in an environmentally safe and agronomically sound manner. I also look forward to carrying on the strong tradition of providing our members with legislative and regulatory advocacy, educational offerings, and general support to the agricultural sector throughout Minnesota.

For the past several years, I served as the Director of Government & Member Relations for the Minnesota AgriGrowth Council. In this role, I directed the organizations advocacy efforts with lawmakers and administration officials in St. Paul and Washington, D.C. I also worked closely with the membership to help identify emerging issues affecting the agriculture and food sectors, as well as promote the importance of Minnesota's ag economy to the state, region, country, and world.

Prior to my time with AgriGrowth, I served as the Senior Director of Government Relations for Cooperative Network, a two-state trade association representing cooperatives from all sectors in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. This included a large segment of farm supply cooperatives, dairy cooperatives, energy cooperatives, housing cooperatives, and processing cooperatives. My career has also included an extensive amount of time working for elected officials in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. The main emphasis throughout my career has been in the trade association and government relations arenas with an emphasis on issue areas that include agriculture, cooperatives, energy, Farm Credit, transportation, and utilities. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and currently reside in St. Paul with my family.

In closing, I'm grateful for this new opportunity and look forward to carrying on the strong tradition of the work MCPR conducts on behalf of its membership. I would like to thank the MCPR Board of Directors and outgoing Executive Director Bill Bond for their support and confidence they have in bringing me on board to lead the organization. Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not mention how much I look forward to working with MCPR Vice President Jessi Brunelle. Her extensive knowledge of the organization, professionalism, strong rapport with our members, and familiarity with our programs will be invaluable as MCPR begins a new chapter. I look forward to meeting our membership over the coming months and deeply appreciate your confidence, support, and trust. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (763) 235-6472 or [patrick@mcpr-cca.org](mailto:patrick@mcpr-cca.org). Thank you!

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