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My name is Monica Navarro and I reside in Apple Valley, MN. As a homeowner, mom of two teenagers, and mom of two large dogs, I write in support of SF3869.

I have a couple of large trees in my back yard that provide a tremendous amount of great shade. However, they also block critical sunlight that prevents grass from growing in that area of my yard. Between that, my large dogs, and a brutal drought season, I have been dealing with a significant dirt patch for a few years now. On days like the ones we have had this week, this dirt patch simply becomes a huge muddy area that makes growing quality grass even harder and just creates a big mess.

I support SF3869 because it offers Minnesota homeowners another alternative to help people in my situation. Adding permeable synthetic grass to the Minnesota Stormwater Manual is the right thing to do for the state. We cannot continue wasting water simply for the sake of keeping our lawns green. Additionally, I am really interested in this product because it would eliminate the need to use pesticides and fertilizers.

I fully support SF3869 for the sake of our environment and having more options.

Sincerely,

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