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Minnesota Farmers Union President Nominated to Engage Cuba Minnesota State Council

St. Paul, MN (March 14, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President, Doug Peterson has been nominated by Senator Amy Klobuchar and Congressman Tom Emmer to be a member of the Engage Cuba Minnesota State Council.

The Minnesota Council will join other state councils that have formed in the states of Tennessee, Louisiana, and Ohio. Each state will work with partners such as, the National Association of Manufacturers, the US Agriculture Coalition for Cuba and others to ensure a wide-spectrum of support. Meetings are yet to be scheduled with such organizations, but their offer of support to the end the trade and travel embargo has been given.

“Lifting the trade embargo with Cuba is a major step and a positive step for Minnesota Agriculture. This is why I have gladly accepted the nomination to be on the council.” said Minnesota Farmers Union President, Doug Peterson, “The United States is the closest neighbor to Cuba. There are unlimited opportunities to help the communities of Cuba grow as well as develop strong partnerships that will bring growth in both of the economies of both countries. With strong leaders such as Senator Klobuchar and Congressman Emmer leading this council, the potential for growth in Minnesota business, culture and agriculture in such a large new market as Cuba is unlimited. I look forward to representing Minnesota agriculture in this council and hope to bring forward the true face and potential opportunities that lifting this trade embargo can bring.”

The full council will be announced on March 28th at an event in Minneapolis with Senator Klobuchar and Congressman Emmer.

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