

Attorney General Ellison's History of Supporting Farmers and Rural Communities

Since his election as Attorney General in 2018, Keith Ellison has been a part of ten LSP events or meetings and one LSA event. In addition to his direct work with LSP, he has a proven track record of supporting many of LSP's core areas of work.

Antitrust

- Starting in 2022, his team investigated and sought community input about the proposed Fairview-Sanford merger, two of the largest rural healthcare providers. This merger would have further consolidated rural healthcare, and the involvement of the AG's office is one of the reasons the merger talks were discontinued in 2023. *Source: MN Attorney General website and Star Tribune 12/19/2022*
- In 2023, he created a new Antitrust Division in his office. This division has co-led efforts to establish USDA's Agriculture Competition Partnership that provides funding to state Attorneys General offices and promotes cooperation to enhance fairness and competition in the food and agriculture markets. This division also led on a letter of State's Attorneys General to the federal government, asking for more money toward anti-trust work, which passed. *Source: MN Attorney General Press Release 10/4/2024*
- In 2023, he led on the U.S. Justice Department filing a civil antitrust lawsuit against Agri Stats Inc. for organizing and managing anticompetitive information exchanges among broiler chicken, pork and turkey processors. The complaint, filed in the District of Minnesota, alleges that Agri Stats collected, integrated and distributed competitively sensitive information related to price, cost and output among competing meat processors. This conduct harms customers, including grocery stores and American families. *Source: U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 9/28/2023*



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Consumer Protection

- In 2021, his office sued Sparboe Farms, alleging the Litchfield-based egg producer gouged consumer prices during the pandemic's initial food-buying frenzy. *Source: Star Tribune 9/23/2021*
- In 2025, he joined 11 other Attorneys General to challenge President Trump's authority to unilaterally enact tariffs. These elected officials acted because of negative economic ramifications the tariffs were having, especially on farmers and markets. Last month, the Supreme Court ruled that the presidency does not have the authority to impose widespread tariffs. *Source: MN Attorney General Press Release 11/5/2025*

Protecting Our Immigrant Neighbors

- In 2024, his office filed a civil lawsuit alleging that Evergreen Acres, a large-scale dairy operation in Stearns County, has failed to pay at least \$3M of vulnerable workers' earned wages, illegally charged rent for substandard housing, and maintained a culture of fear and violence to discourage reporting. The lawsuit seeks restitution for workers, civil penalties, and an end to abusive practices. *Source: MN Attorney General Press Release 1/8/2024*
- In 2025, he joined 12 other Attorneys General around the country in a lawsuit to stop the federal government from unlawfully cutting off Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for thousands of lawful permanent residents. They sought to block new guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that classified several groups of legal immigrants as ineligible for food assistance, including permanent residents who were granted asylum or admitted as refugees. This case is ongoing. *Source: MN Attorney General Press Release 11/26/2025*

Right to Repair

- In 2025, his office sued John Deere to protect farmers from high repair costs and unfair corporate tactics, saying that Deere's monopoly practices unfairly drive-up farming equipment repair costs, restrict farmers' ability to quickly seek repairs necessary for planting and harvesting. *Source: MN Attorney General Press Release 1/15/2025*

