

Testimony on HB 1081 presented to the House Natural Resources Committee on January 15, 2021

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the House Natural Resource Committee. For the record, my name is Mary Graner. My husband and I ranch south of Mandan, North Dakota. I am a member and am here representing the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND). I-BAND is a dues paying organization of beef producers across North Dakota. The members vote on policies ranging on state and national issues. We work with our Washington, DC, delegation along with our national affiliates.

We appear before you in a **neutral position** on HB 1081. Most of the state-owned lands are pasture and our members are the tenants. As tenants, we are required to provide a level of care so I'm sure the Committee understands why we get concerned any time another agency is granted access or authority as issues with the tenants. We believe an advisory board which consists of the livestock groups and major farm organizations could benefit all.....not only on this issue but many others as well.

Thank you for hearing our concerns. I'd be happy to answer any questions.