

Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. For the record, my name is Stefanie Maher. My husband and I live in Western Sioux County where we raise registered cattle.

I appear before you today, to urge you to vote in favor of HB 1009, specifically Section 17 LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - NORTH DAKOTA BEEF COMMISSION. Currently, the board of directors are appointed by the State Governor from a select few state organizations. This needs to change! We need to have representatives from more state organizations present and we need to change the way they are put on the board.

The states surrounding ND have Beef Commission boards that are made up of elected or appointed members, by their state organization. Let's follow their example.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.