

HB 1009

Good afternoon chairman Holmberg and members of the committee.

My name is Kerry Dockter, I am a rancher from Denhoff, North Dakota and am here today representing the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota.

I am here today in support of the amendment to HB1009, to do a study of the makeup process of the board of the N.D. Beef Commission.

I believe this board should be made up of elected positions coming forth from all the agricultural organizations of the state representing livestock producers. This would make a more diverse board, and follow suit with the other commodity groups. And also it follows the format used by our neighbors of South Dakota and Montana.

I believe this study will help define the continued concerns that are brought forth before each legislative session and address the disapproval of the checkoff system and the Beef Commission in general.

Thank-you for allowing me to testify in support of the amendment and I stand for any questions.