

North Dakota Stockmen's Association
Testimony to the
Senate Appropriations Committee on SB 2230
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Good morning, Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. For the record, my name is Julie Ellingson and I represent the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, a 91-year-old beef cattle trade organization representing approximately 3,000 North Dakota cattle-ranching families.

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association stands in support of SB 2230, which would expand the Bank of North Dakota's loan guarantee program. In our view, the expansion could provide additional support for value-added agriculture projects in our state, including those in the livestock sector, as well as additional opportunities and value for our state's farmers, ranchers and overall economy.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 2230. We respectfully request a do-pass recommendation.