

January 29, 2023

Senate Agriculture & Veterans Affairs Committee
c/o Senator Larry Luick, Chair
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Senate Bill 2037 – Opposition

Dear Chairman Larry Luick and Members of the Senate Agriculture & Veterans Affairs Committee:

My name is Clifford Issendorf. I am a lifelong farmer in Bottineau County, a landowner, and currently the Chair of the Board of Managers of the Bottineau County Water Resource District. I have served on the Board of the Bottineau County Water Resource District for over 40 years.

Recently, I served as a Citizen Member on the Interim Water Drainage Committee as a from the North Dakota Water Resource District Association. The Interim Water Drainage Committee was charged with studying many things, one of them being methods for assessing the cost of a project in relation to the benefits received and to recommend a method to ensure the cost of a landowner does not exceed the benefit to the landowner. The Interim Committee was afforded very little time to study the language in Senate Bill 2037 and to vet the Economic Analysis Worksheet method it promotes.

I submit this written testimony to make record that I am opposed to Senate Bill 2037. In addition, the Board of Managers of the Bottineau County Water Resource District reviewed Senate Bill 2037 and voted to submit this testimony in opposition to the bill.

Sincerely,

Clifford Issendorf
Board of Managers Chair,
Bottineau County Water Resource District