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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I am Brent Baldwin, a farmer from Saint Thomas, North Dakota. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am representing the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association in SUPPORT of House Bill 1396.

This bill means that if you vote against a drainage ditch or legal assessment drain, you don't get to drain into it. Why should someone who actively works against efficient water management and adds immense costs to all involved be also to then receive benefit that they fought so hard against?

We encourage this committee to provide a DO PASS recommendations on HB 1396.

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