



HOUSE BILL NO. 1318
SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN, LARRY LUICK
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1318
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Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee. This testimony is submitted by Joshua Stutrud, a soybean producer in the Rugby area and board member of the North Dakota Soybean Growers Association, and is submitted on behalf of the Association in support of House Bill 1318.

Greetings Senate Ag Committee,

Please vote yes on HB1318. As a ND soybean producer, and Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) I think it's best to keep all pesticide options available to producers. The updated federal FIFRA label is readily available online, and is easy to find with a simple google search. It's hard to find someone without a smartphone in today's world. Therefore, the current label should always be available in your pocket. As long as the FIFRA labels Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is followed the opportunity for physical contamination is very minimal, and the label is based on sound science. This bill would encourage companies to invest in more research to bring new/more pesticides to the market. Especially with newer technologies like RNAi insecticides, which have the capability to target a specific insect, instead of the beneficial and target insects. These types of technologies might not be introduced to the market with a concern that the burdensome regulations, and potential lawsuits could negate any profit a company may produce. Therefore, I think HB1318 is a piece of needed legislation to keep moving the ag industry forward. Please vote yes on HB1318.

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