

Good morning, honorable members of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee

My name is Kathryn Rutz and I wish to express my opposition to HB1318. As a 13 + yr. cancer survivor, who ended up choosing a more natural path to her cancer healing . The knowledge that I gained after much study gave me the courage to refuse the treatments recommended at the time. I changed my diet, eating mostly organic, and by the grace of God have remained cancer free. I have continued reading much research on chemicals used on our crops as well as read many articles on regenerative farming and our declining bee population in this nation.

I realize this is a last ditch effort in trying to urge the non-passage of this bill. I truly wish I would have known about it sooner. I have read many of the testimonies , both in favor and in opposition and strongly concur with the following in opposition from 3/14 : Sam Wagner, Sara Christiansen, Charlene Nelson, Connie Samuelson and Dr. Steve Nagel. I would be remiss also not to mention Gary Emineth's editorial in the Fargo dated March 22nd, stating his opposition as well .

I have a friend whose son-in-law is a fire fighter and it was discovered that a chemical that they had been using was very hazardous to health, and they found a safer compound to use. With honesty and enough research, corporations can find better options for farmers, but until they do people who are possibly harmed by this chemicals , should have the ability to pursue legal action. Matters of health are not frivolous. As a grandmother of 8, I am very concerned about the safety of the foods we eat. I am also proud to be a ND citizen, living in a state that usually finds itself on the side of common sense and not being swayed by outside forces.

I appreciate this opportunity- PLEASE I URGE A DO NOT PASS HB1318