

**Do Not Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1318
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1318 is undesirable legislation shifting more product liability from the chemical manufacturer to the applicator, farmer, and General Public. This legislation includes a "Duty to warn" provision in the last paragraph. This is legal terminology which will substantially limit product liability for the manufacturer if damages result from its usage.

Additional comment from previous testimony is this liability release will allow the multi-national chemical companies to perhaps produce great new chemicals that increase crop yields and control weeds and disease, but obligation towards product safety towards humans and animals will no longer be a necessary consideration. More dangerous chemicals will be on the horizon.

This bill needs to be outright killed. The farmers and General Public need to maintain the protections we currently have, not dismantle them.

Please give HB1318 a Do Not Pass.

Thank you,

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