

Support bill 1487-Beef Checkoff

Good morning,

My name is Vicki Horst, I am here as a cattle producer also representing my husband and son who are on the farm feeding cattle this cold morning. I am from Glen Ullin in District 36.

Have you ever been in the checkout line at a store when the cashier asked if you would like to donate a \$1.00 or round up your purchase? I love those programs- I can say yes or no. Now imagine that they automatically added that amount to your purchase. If you do not approve or want to support the charity you could stand in line at the customer service desk to get your dollar back. This is how the beef check off works.

The fiscal impact statement shows concern that there will be low participation if this bill is passed. Maybe the real question is-why do they feel there will be low participation? Beef producers are smart people that can make their own decisions. If we feel that our dollars are working for us, we will contribute. If we feel the ND Beef Commission is not doing their job, we should be able to withhold our money.

Please vote in favor of this bill. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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