

Testimony of Kyle Speich

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In Opposition of HB 1487

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee. My name is Kyle Speich, and I am from a Multi-Generation Family Farm & Ranch in Milnor, ND, currently farming with my Father and Brother, and I hope we can continue to pass it on to multiple generations.

Part of keeping our ranch sustainable and being able to pass it down to the next generation, is the Beef-Checkoff, and I am speaking in opposition of HB 1487. The Beef Check-Off is a small investment that helps PROMOTE, EDUCATE, RESEARCH, CREATE MARKET DEVELOPMENT, and EXPORT ND Beef. Animal agriculture is facing an up-hill battle with each generation getting farther and farther removed from it, we need all the help we can get, and need to stay unified to stay sustainable.

If we lose the Beef Check-Off, we lose a big voice pushing for animal ag in ND, because individually we do not have the time or resources to do what Beef Check-Off does. I urge producers to get involved in Commodity Groups to see firsthand what they are about and to see what the good that comes from your check-off dollar.

I ask for your "do not pass" vote. Thank You.