My name is David Spickler and I'm testifying in support of HB 1026 on behalf of Lighthouse Commodities, LLC and over a hundred North Dakota farmer clients whose grain we market. HB 1026 reflects substantial collaborative effort by the Commissioner, his Staff and numerous industry stakeholders. The result is a bill that provides appropriate oversight and regulation of all grain industry participants while persevering a competitive landscape for North Dakota farmers to market their grain.

I would recommend that the language in Section 12 where 'Purchase' is used be changed to Purchases/Solicitations/Merchandising Agreements to be consistent with how this term is used in prior Chapters.

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