



**Testimony of Brenda Elmer
On behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association
February 4, 2021
In Opposition of SB 2342**

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee,

My name is Brenda Elmer and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association. On behalf of our state's corn growers, I express our opposition of SB 2342.

Soil health is something our growers take seriously and spend much effort, time and investment to maintain and to improve as stewards of their land. However, we don't believe that this bill and the programs it creates will have a positive impact and is likely unnecessary.

We fail to see what this solution is solving, and are leery of an initiative that doesn't appear to partner with existing stakeholders and soil health framework already in place.

Education and demonstration of best practices is preferred over more government programs. Farmers should determine what production system is best for them in their situation, not government.

We ask for your "do not pass" vote on this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome any questions.