



**Testimony of Dr. Andrea Grondahl  
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Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Dr. Andrea Grondahl, Director of the Livestock Industries Division for the Department of Agriculture. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture in support of House Bill 1100, which would adopt the most current federal meat inspections regulations.

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) allows states to operate their own meat inspection program, provided the State develops and maintains laws, regulations, and procedures that are “at least equal to” the federal program operated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The most effective way to meet “equal to” regulation requirements is to adopt the most recent version of federal regulations related to meat inspection. We are here today to update the statute to the most current federal regulations through House Bill 1100. There are no new regulations being incorporated.

Chairman Thomas and committee members, thank you for your consideration of HB 1100. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.