

**ND House Agriculture Committee**

***House Bill 1153***

***Subject: Do Pass H1153***

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I am writing to provide information about the ND Corn Growers and the ND Corn Utilization Council both established in 1987 and 1990 respectively.

The ND Corn Growers testified at congressional hearings in Minot and Fargo concerning the Canadian Countervailing duty on Corn. In the late 1980's the market was Canada and Montana. The acres of Corn were expanding in ND and our market was not. Ethanol was a drop in a bucket. We were desperate so the ND Corn Growers was established. The US Government introduced the Farmer Owned Reserve which created huge surpluses driving the price of Corn below the cost of production.

The ND Corn Growers needed the clout of the National Corn Growers in expanding markets for corn in food, fuel, ethanol, and industrial uses.

Corn Growers organizations in the other states are provided funds by the Utilization Councils for the purpose of providing information to and for the growers.

Please give **House Bill 1153 a Do Pass**. Thank you.

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