

HB 1153 SUPPORT

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Good morning chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee. For the record my name is Anthony Mock. I am a corn grower from Kintyre, ND where I farm with my family. I'm a current at-large member of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association board. I'm here in support of house bill 1153.

I have been very involved in the ethanol market development in the state, and have also served on one of the three national ethanol organizations in the country. Ethanol has been a game changer for the corn grower in the last 20 years, developing value added agriculture and better demand and prices for corn.

With the electric vehicle market emerging, ethanol as a sustainable fuel available widely and right now, being at the table is critical. The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council is no longer involved in any of the three ethanol organizations and has chosen not to serve on any of the National Corn Grower Association Action teams for the last couple of years including the one on Ethanol. The Growers Association needs the resources necessary to fill this gap, to provide an important service for our state's corn growers. Otherwise we are missing the opportunity to develop new markets on the rise, like sustainable aviation fuel.

I ask for your DO PASS on House Bill 1153. Thank you for your time. I stand available for any questions you may have.