



**Testimony of Tysen Rosenau  
North Dakota Corn Utilization Council Chairman  
On behalf of the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council  
January 27, 2023  
In Opposition of HB 1153**

Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

My name is Tysen Rosenau and I serve as the Chairman of the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council (Council). I farm with my family in Carrington, ND. Not only am I a check-off paying corn producer, but I hold a lifetime membership to the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (Association).

I am speaking in opposition of HB 1153 on behalf of the Council. It is important that administration of check-off funds remains transparent and that the direction for that administration comes from the 7 Council members that have been elected by their peers to do so. These elected officials are trustees of public funds and focus on responsibly managing corn producers check-off dollars.

Research that is funded through the Council with check-off dollars plays a major role in the betterment of corn farmers across the state by solving on farm problems and creating market access for North Dakota corn, ethanol, and DDGs. It is also important for the support of impactful projects at NDSU like the Peltier Complex and an upcoming swine research facility. These projects and others like them are critical in keeping NDSU and other North Dakota Universities at the fore front in agricultural research and making our universities a desirable institution for faculty and prospective students. Should HB 1153 pass, the significant reduction in Council budget will be detrimental to the funding of these meaningful programs and projects.

To continue to bring corn research to the fore front and to provide the data needed to help farmers make critical financial decisions and to better manage their farms, it is imperative that the ND corn check-off dollars remain entrusted to those 7 Council members who have been elected by their districts to represent them. For these reasons, I am asking you to vote against HB 1153.