



## *Board of Commissioners*

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HB #1166 (1/13/2023 – 10:30 AM)

Dear Chair Thomas and Honorable Members of the Agriculture Committee:

The Bowman County Commission is respectfully requesting you to support a “DO NOT PASS” on House Bill #1166 relating to state funding requirements for county weather modification operations.

Bowman County has participated in the weather modification operations for many years, in fact, for several decades. In the 2016 General Election, voters in Bowman County had the opportunity to decide whether to abolish the weather modification program or not. The election results were 70.13% in favor of **continuing** with the program.

Bowman County is located in the southwest corner of North Dakota. It borders counties with South Dakota and Montana, along with counties in North Dakota. Other counties should not be able to determine if a particular county receives state funding for a program, especially a county from another state such as South Dakota or Montana.

Please accept this written testimony in opposition of HB1166.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Braaten, Chairman  
Bowman County Board of Commissioners