



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of
HB 1166
House Agriculture Committee
January 13, 2023**

Chairman Thomas, members of the House Agriculture Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I am providing testimony for you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of HB 1166.

The NDGGA membership has adopted the following resolution: “NDGGA does not support weather modification in North Dakota.” That said, if there are counties in North Dakota that support weather modification then the provisions of HB 1166 seem to be a reasonable approach to the funding of weather modification efforts in said counties. Giving county commissioners in the participating and bordering counties the ability to authorize the expenditure of weather modification funds provides a local control mechanism for the authorization of the weather modification efforts should they decide to do so.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association supports HB 1166 and would respectfully request that the House Agriculture Committee and the full House give the measure a Do Pass recommendation.

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