

Chairman Thomas and members of House Agriculture Committee,

I favor HB 1258 and ask for a do-pass recommendation from the House Agriculture Committee. Pollinators make the world go round. Everything we eat, including the animals we eat, rely on pollinators. They seem to be under attack.

The bill offers a modest attempt to understand and promote pollinator health in North Dakota and one that involves the Legislature in reviewing the success of the Commissioner of Agriculture in protecting native pollinating insects in North Dakota.

I ask for your favorable consideration of this legislation.