

Oppose HB 1423

House Agriculture Committee

February 2, 2023

Chairman Thomas and Committee members,

I am Larry Syverson from Mayville, I grow soybeans on my farm in Traill County, I am the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Roseville Township, and I am also the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. NDTOA represents nearly 6,000 Township Officers that serve in more than 1,100 dues paying member townships.

Brennan Quintus, the CEO of the ND Insurance Reserve Fund has pointed out in his testimony that the restraints HB 1423 places on the contractual relationship between the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund and the counties and townships is a violation of the contract clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Please amend HB 1423 to remove this unconstitutional content and consider other constructive amendments others are offering to move animal agriculture forward in North Dakota.

The North Dakota Township Officers Association requests that you amend HB 1423 or give it a do not pass recommendation.

Thank you, Chairman Thomas and Committee members, I will try to answer any questions you may have.