

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the House Agriculture Committee

**From:** North Dakota Farm Bureau

Specific to HB1423 we believe several basic concepts should be kept in mind:

- HB1423 only seeks to standardize livestock zoning and does not limit those units of government which follow ND code.
- Local units of government should not be allowed to violate ND code, or court rulings, and then have the benefit of using the insurance reserve fund as a legal defense fund.
- Local units of government and the Department of Environmental Quality should not be allowed to play political ping-pong with the livestock permitting process.

NDFB has several issues in our policy book pertinent to HB1423 before you in committee this week.

### General Animal Ag

We believe local units of government choosing to adopt ordinances which are more restrictive than the state model ordinances for animal feeding operations should not be allowed to take advantage of the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF).---ID#: 2585/23

We believe the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality should not be allowed to require local government approval prior to issuing any permits for livestock facilities.---ID#: 2586/23

We believe local units of government should not be allowed to require approval by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality prior to approving any building permits.---ID#: 2587/23

### Agricultural Zoning

We believe townships and counties should not have livestock regulations which are more stringent than the state model ordinances. #401.01

We believe agriculture zoning should not be held to a higher standard than zoning for industrial or municipal uses. #401.03

We encourage zoning authorities to use the state model zoning ordinance as their primary guideline. #401.04

We believe that townships should not have the ability to zone for Animal Feeding Operations (AFO). #401.06

We shall work with townships and counties to develop farmer-friendly, responsible zoning ordinances for animal agriculture and oppose extra-territorial zoning. #401.07

If you have any questions regarding our NDFB policies, please free free to contact our Director of Public Policy, Pete Hanebutt (701) 371-0027 or [pete@ndfb.org](mailto:pete@ndfb.org).

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