

North Dakota House Agriculture Committee,

I am a fifth generation farmer and rancher in southern North Dakota and I am in support of House Bill 1436. I believe the North Dakota Beef Commission will better serve our state's producers if they were elected by the residents. The already established relationships between the board and local producers will only encourage more communication, ideas, and efficiency to improve our state's leading industry. I feel with the monetary donations that North Dakota ranchers give to fund this commission, we should have a vote on who represents our industry, similar to any other commodity check off. Please consider my written testimony in support HB 1436 so the state of North Dakota can continue to have generations of ranchers.

Thank you,

Bar S Ranch
Dylan Stearns
701-710-0464
Ludden, ND