

HB1436

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Good morning Chairman Thomas and members of the House Ag Committee. I am Kenny Graner and I farm and ranch with my wife and children south of Mandan and I am testifying in support of House Bill 1436. I would like to thank all the sponsors of this Bill.

House Bill 1436 gives equal opportunity and access to run for a position on the North Dakota Beef Commission Board. This Bill that will inspire participation amongst **ALL cattle producers** paying into the Beef Checkoff program.

As a producer, I have always been frustrated with the make up and structure of the Beef Checkoff board. Every other commodity checkoff in the state of North Dakota has a board made up of **elected members**. Most of the members of the Beef Checkoff are all from the same organization. I believe the board should be elected by their peers rather than appointed by recommendations of one organization to the governor. The board will be more fair and balanced by utilizing the democratic procedure of election, just as you were elected to the House.

This Bill does not change the functions and responsibilities of the Beef checkoff of investing in research, promotion and education. It will, however, open the board up to new visions and ideas.

Thank you!

I open myself up to any questions.

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