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Chairman Thomas, and members of the House Agriculture Committee, my name is Jerry Sauter and I perform organizational duties for the Crop Protection Product Harmonization Board and Commissioner Goehring. The Commissioner supports Senate Bill 2324 which relates to who are voting members on the Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board. The Board consists of ten members.

The Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board administers grants for two main purposes:

(1) to address issues related to the registration of pesticide products, with priority given to harmonizing labels between Canada and the United States; and,
(2) to conduct or commission studies that may support or improve a pesticide registration for a minor crop, minor use, or other use in North Dakota.

Currently, two members are non-voting members: the representative of the crop protection product manufacturing industry and the director of the agricultural experiment station.

Senate Bill 2324 amends N.D.C.C. 4.1-39-02 (2) and makes the representative of the crop protection product manufacturing industry a voting member.

This change is beneficial as it gives the Board an odd number of voting members in the case of a split vote. It also allows the representative of the crop protection product manufacturing industry to be completely engaged with the Board and able to provide valuable expertise.

Chairman Thomas, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on senate bill 2324. I am happy to answer any questions.