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**Testimony of Tom Bodine
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Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Tom Bodine, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner, and I am on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of SB 2373 which relates to the establishment of a livestock friendly county designation.

This is a great start to helping North Dakota focus on its efforts in developing animal agriculture in North Dakota. This bill outlines the steps to becoming eligible for livestock friendly designation. As well as retention requirements. Alternately, revoking the livestock-friendly designation may occur if the county no longer meets the requirements for the designation.

Chairman Thomas and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2373. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.