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**Testimony on HB 1546**  
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Chairman Thomas, Senator Klein, and committee members, I am Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner.

I am here this morning to testify in favor of HB 1546 – relating to the clean sustainable energy authority's fertilizer development incentive program.

I support this program that will advance North Dakota value-added agriculture.

North Dakota currently imports more than half the nitrogen fertilizer we use. This program will encourage development of regional production creating a more stable fertilizer supply that will reduce our dependence on foreign sources.

Additionally, HB 1546 will support a resilient, stable, and secure supply of ammonia for agriculture and hydrogen production for emerging energy projects.

Chairman Thomas, Chairman Klein, and committee members, thank you for your consideration of HB 1546. I will respectfully stand for any questions.

