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To: ND House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

I am testifying in support of HB 1175. I am a lifelong North Dakota resident and hunter, with direct family members who farm and ranch beef cattle. Grant lands are owned by the public and should be able to be accessed by the public. ND Century Code does a good job of defining acceptable public access (15-08-19.2) and prohibited activities (15-08-19.4). By supporting HB 1175, and enforcing these applicable sections of the ND Century Code, we maximize the value of these lands for the landowners (the public) without detracting any value from the lessee.

I urge the committee, do pass.

Thank you,

Jordan Gleason