

**North Dakota Stockmen's Association**  
**Testimony to the House Agriculture Committee on HB 1260**  
**Feb. 2, 2023**

Good morning, Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Julie Ellingson and I represent the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, a 93-year-old beef cattle trade organization comprised of more than 3,100 cattle-ranching members.

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association appears in support of HB 1260, which would 1) allow the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to work with landowners to help develop habitat; and 2) allow the agency to issue antlerless elk depredation management licenses to landowners to address impacts by these animals.

We see these as very positive provisions that will be mutually beneficial for landowners and sportsmen and bridge-building between these two constituencies.

For these reasons, we ask that you consider a do-pass recommendation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.