

Good afternoon, Chairman Vigessaa and Committee Members, for the record my name is Shelsey Brandvold. I am a junior at Max Public School. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota State Fair on House Bill 1009 to support the allocation of premium dollars for exhibitors at the NDSF.

I am involved with both 4-H and FFA. I am the Rocky Acres 4-H President and Max FFA Vice-President. Being involved with 4-H and FFA has both provided many opportunities for learning new skills and trying new things to broaden my horizons.

These opportunities include static projects and show animals. When I first started getting involved in 4-H, I was a 3rd grader. I made my first project thinking, "why am I even doing this." At Achievement Days I had so much fun meeting new people, making friends, and getting a blue ribbon, which made me very happy!

I was able to take my blue-ribbon project to the state fair. At the state fair I received a blue ribbon and was jumping for joy! What I didn't know was that there was a premium check I would be getting for doing that project. After I received my premium check, I pushed myself to do more projects.

Premiums are not only amazing to receive, but beneficial as well, as I am able to purchase supplies for future projects. These premiums helped motivate me to do my best and are respected by me and many other 4-H and FFA students.

Do you have any questions?

Hope to see you at the North Dakota State Fair, as you're walking through the 4-H and FFA static exhibits and barns, where you will see all of the accomplishments we have achieved.

Thank you for your time. I ask your favorable consideration for this HB 1009.