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Testimony regarding HB 1166

Dear honorable members of the Ag Committee,

I submit this testimony to you today asking you to support HB 1166. Much as I would love to be there in person, my schedule does not allow.

I was one of a group of citizens in Ward County who did our best to bring facts about this failed project to the attention of our neighbors and friends. As part of that effort, I compiled the Fact Sheet on Weather Modification for publication. I encourage you to look it over. There may be information there you are not already aware of.

The fact that Weather Modification in North Dakota is purported to be the longest running weather modification project in the world, yet cannot prove positive outcomes, only proves that its well-intentioned beginnings have been hijacked by the cartel of special interests that lined up behind it for profit and professional gains. I would ask you to take a good look at the article I've submitted to you titled ***Follow the Money***, describing the many ways companies and individuals outside of the few counties involved are profiting from this foolish expenditure of North Dakota Taxpayer money.

Please note, these documents were prepared for the Ward County weather mod ballot measure so references to the June 2020 primary election remain within. Some of the people in various positions may also have changed. The facts remain important and have not changed since the original writing.

As my interest in the project grew, I began attending Ward County Weather Modification Board meetings. In 25 years on my Township Board, attending numerous meetings at both state and local levels, I had never witnessed such blatant disregard for North Dakota state laws governing taxpayer funded organizations. The arrogance displayed and middle finger attitude toward transparency and other requirements of governance was appalling. I perceived that same attitude at every level of Weather Modification.

Thank you for your attention to my testimony and supporting documentation. I hope you will consider that 85% of Ward County voters in the 2020 Primary voted to end the Weather Modification Cloud Seeding Project there, and there are no other counties in the whole of this beautiful state begging to get into it. What does that say about where your constituents might land on the subject?

Sincerely,

JoAnne Rademacher