



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of
HB 1166
Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs
Committee
March 16, 2023**

Chairman Luick, members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, for the record my name is Ed Kessel, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). I own and operate a family farm in the Belfield, North Dakota area; I am also President of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association. I appear in both capacities in support of HB 1166.

The NDGGA membership has adopted the following resolution: "NDGGA does not support weather modification in North Dakota." That said, if there are counties in North Dakota that support weather modification then the provisions of HB 1166 seem to be a reasonable approach to the operations and funding of weather modification efforts in said counties. These provisions contained in HB 1166 include the legislative changes found in Sections 1 of the bill which discuss the requirements for a county weather modification authority to cease operations, the creation and/or extension of a weather modification authority and the funding of a weather modification authority.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association is in support of HB 1166 and would respectfully request that the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee give HB 1166 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask that the full Senate concur.

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