

Senate Bill 2384

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*Testimony in opposition to*

Hello. My name is Adam Miller, a resident of Bismarck and I am here to voice my opposition to Senate Bill 2384 and ask for a 'do not pass' recommendation.

I grew up on a beef ranch in Towner and graduated from NDSU in 2009 with a degree in biotechnology with minors in chemistry and microbiology. A great education that was provided for me by my home state that has well prepared me for the rest of my life. Though I do admit, a lot of what I learned at NDSU is now dated.

When I left for school, working calves was relatively simple. I believe it was one shot a brand and out the gate. When I work calves at the ranches I help at now, I almost don't recognize it. Thankfully cows haven't changed but just to have a smooth operation now, there are three designated people just to give medications. Medical technology has changed so much in such a short amount of time, it's difficult to keep up.

And it's going to continue to change. MRNA vaccines are the future and what pharmaceutical companies are putting their efforts into now, both for humans and for livestock. With time, traditional vaccines won't be the norm anymore, just as iron lungs and bloodletting no longer are now. To pass SB 2384 would be to hamstring the ranching community in the years to come. With the signing of a bill, you could cripple North Dakota's top industry. I ask this committee to have foresight and not do this to our ag community. Please vote for 'do not pass' on SB 2384. Thank you for your time.