

Dear Chairman Klein and members of the committee,

My name is Vern Thompson. I have had the honor of being elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives and the North Dakota State Senate. I am currently a candidate for North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner. Why is an Ag Commissioner candidate talking about data centers and NDAs? Because North Dakotans have asked me for their help. I am speaking on behalf of those farmers, ranchers, and citizens from across the state.

North Dakotans from all walks of life tell me they want a thoughtful process that is open, honest, and transparent. They want local control. This is not a red team or a blue team issue. This is a people issue. We need to stop these backroom deals. If a project is good, it can stand up to public scrutiny. Sunshine is the best disinfectant.

Support SB 2406 and let the sunshine in!

North Dakota deserves better than secrecy.

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Sincerely,

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