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**Testimony of Nathan Kroh
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Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Nathan Kroh, the Dairy Coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA), here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goerhing. The Commissioner supports of HB 1083 to amend North Dakota Century Code §4.1-25, adopting the latest version of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) documents.

A state's Grade "A" milk is restricted from interstate commerce, unless the state regulates the dairy farms, dairy processors, and laboratories in the essentially the same manner as the other states. To facilitate national consistency, a biennial conference is held to update and modernize the regulatory procedures and framework, with input from the dairy industry. These changes are voted on by all the states, with approval of the FDA.

For simplicity, House Bill 1083 will directly adopt the latest revision of these documents into North Dakota century code. Without direct adoption, we would be obligated to create other statutes or rules of the same requirements, which would be open to further FDA scrutiny and if determined to not be in compliance, North Dakota grade "A" dairy products could be restricted from interstate commerce. Chairman Beltz and committee members, I urge a do pass on HB 1083. Thank you and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.