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**Testimony of Nathan Kroh
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Chairman Beltz and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am Nathan Kroh, the Dairy Coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here in support of the House Bill 1084, relating to the egg and poultry statute updates.

This bill was submitted to help clean up the century code and eliminate regulation that has outlived its usefulness. There is no need to mandate that we cooperate with USDA to provide a fee-for-service grading program on behalf of the USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service. At this time, there are no federal or state poultry processors in North Dakota eligible to apply for grading services. The poultry industry has change significantly since this statute was enacted. The commercial poultry operations are contracted and will not benefit from the licensing and bonding requirements and the very small operations operate as custom or low volume, so licensing and bonding is impractical. The bill is intended to eliminate useless regulation.

Thank you for your consideration on House Bill 1084 and I am happy to answer your questions.