

Mr. Chairman and the members of the House Agriculture Committee,

Hello, my name is Miki Thompson. I am a homeschool mother from Dickinson. I am writing to ask you to please vote do pass on this bill. It is important to be proactive on this issue. We have a flourishing beef industry in our state. Our communities are interwoven with its benefits. Our family gets all our beef products from a local rancher, which is butchered by a local meat shop. I know many in our community that do the same. Many legislatures are ranchers as well. Our state proudly raises a superior product not only ethically, but also with sustainable practices. So why would we need a questionable product that has not been tested? We have no idea of the long-term effects of lab grown meat products, or the production of it. I think it would be safe to ban the sales and production until a future time so we can ascertain its long-term effects. We can remove the ban if it benefits the people of North Dakota in the future, but for now we have a far superior product, which will continue to help our state prosper.

Thank you,

Miki Thompson