

## Bill 1151

Hello, my name is Cooper Rosenquist. I am a homeschooled High Schooler. Though I am still young, I recognize that lab-grown meats, also known as cultured meat is not a good idea. They are too expensive being 17 to 23\$ per pound to produce which means the stores selling the meats would be even more. For reference, a choice steak is about \$14, and ground beef is about 5\$ per pound.

Another reason why lab-grown meats are a bad idea is that we do not fully know the long-term health effects. Lab-grown meats do not have the same nutritional value as real meat. These fake alternatives we call lab-grown meats use rapid cell reproduction. Do you know what cancer is? Rapid cell reproduction. We should support natural, ethically grown food. Our bodies are natural and our food should be too. Some argue that we should use lab-grown meats because a cow produces between 154 to 264 pounds of methane yearly. While that might be true a car emits about an average of 21 pounds of Co2 per gallon (20 for gasoline and 22 for diesel). Worldwide that's 196,3 Billion pounds of Co2 per year for cars. In conclusion, we should protect the farmers of North Dakota and we should protect our health and our money. This is why I am asking you to vote in favor of House Bill No. 1151 and ban Lab-grown meats in North Dakota. Thank you for your time.