

Dear North Dakota House Agricultural Committee,

As a rancher in North Dakota, I encourage you to vote YES on HB 1207.

This bill would allow cattle producers like myself to vote on representatives on the North Dakota Beef Commission.

By law, I must contribute to the Beef Checkoff. The North Dakota Beef Commission handles these Checkoff dollars. I believe the producers who pay the checkoff have the right to choose who oversees this money. With the current appointment process, I don't believe commission members necessarily feel an obligation to respond to producers ideas and concerns.

Please vote yes on HB 1207.

Thank you for your time.

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