

Dear House Ag Committee,

I support HB 1207.

I strongly urge a “yes” vote on this bill in order to make the selection process for the ND Beef Commission transparent.

I make my living as a cattle producer. The law requires me to pay \$1 per head for the national Beef Checkoff and \$1 per head to the state Beef Checkoff every time I sell a critter.

The Commission has a great responsibility to make a positive difference for one of our state’s biggest industries and I believe those of us who make a living in the cattle business deserve the opportunity to be involved in the selection process of these commission members.

Thank you for considering my testimony,

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