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Subject: Support for HB 1207

Dear House Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1207. This bill proposes a crucial change by making the Beef Commission Board an elected position, similar to other boards such as those for corn and soybeans.

By allowing cattle producers of legal age the opportunity to both run for the board and vote for their preferred representatives, HB 1207 ensures a true democratic process. This change eliminates the nomination process from the governor's responsibilities, thus freeing up valuable time from his already extensive duties.

The funds at the heart of this process belong to the cattle producers, and it is only fair that they have a direct voice in determining how their contributions are allocated. While there may be some costs associated with the election process, this is a prudent use of check-off funds, as it restores the decision-making power to those who directly fund the program.

I respectfully urge the committee to recommend a "due pass" for HB 1207.

Sincerely,

Ron Volk