
**Testimony of
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Chairman Beltz and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1318. My name is Ryan Gregg, and I am here on behalf of the North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU). We support HB 1318, which would prevent duplicative regulations for pesticide labeling.

For more than 50 years, glyphosate has been a trusted tool for farmers. Over half of all wheat acres, 80% of corn acres, and 92% of soybean acres rely on glyphosate-based herbicides to control invasive weeds and keep costs low.¹ Its safety has been consistently reaffirmed by regulators, and five decades of research have demonstrated its efficacy and safety. Despite this, legislators in California have sought to increase regulations on pesticides, creating uncertainty in the marketplace regarding the future of glyphosate.²

Our member-driven policy states:

“We are concerned about the growing number and application of regulations concerning storage and use of farm fuels and chemicals. We urge review of these regulations, development of a clear and concise guide to aid compliance with sensible regulations, and removal from the law of those regulations which are not enforced.”

House Bill 1318 prevents duplicative and inconsistent pesticide-labeling regulations in North Dakota. This legislation clarifies that federal labeling requirements provide sufficient guidance and warnings regarding a crop protection product’s use.

We respectfully request that the committee give House Bill No. 1318 a “Do Pass” recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

¹ USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). (n.d.). Agricultural Chemical Use Program Surveys. https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Chemical_Use/

² Appeals court blocks California warning requirement for glyphosate. (2023, November 7). Reuters. <https://www.reuters.com/legal/appeals-court-blocks-california-warning-requirement-glyphosate-2023-11-07/>