



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of HB 1318
House Agriculture Committee
January 23, 2025**

Chairman Beltz, Members of the House Agriculture Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland representing the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). I appear today to express NDGGA's support for HB 1318 regarding pesticide labeling requirements.

HB 1318 provides crucial clarity and consistency in pesticide labeling requirements by establishing that EPA-approved labels, which undergo rigorous scientific review, serve as sufficient warning labels under North Dakota law. This legislation will benefit our agricultural community in several important ways:

1. Regulatory Consistency

The bill aligns North Dakota's labeling requirements with federal standards, creating a clear and uniform system for pesticide manufacturers, distributors, and users. This consistency reduces confusion and improves compliance while maintaining strong safety standards through EPA oversight.

2. Protection of Agricultural Operations

Our members rely on having access to properly labeled pesticides to protect their crops and maintain productive farming operations. This legislation helps ensure continued access to these vital tools while maintaining appropriate safety standards through federal EPA oversight.

3. Scientific Basis for Labels

The bill recognizes EPA's comprehensive scientific review process, which includes thorough human health assessments and carcinogenicity classifications. These evaluations represent the gold standard in pesticide safety assessment and provide appropriate guidance for safe use.

4. Legal Clarity

By establishing that EPA-approved labels constitute sufficient warning, this legislation provides clear legal standards that protect both manufacturers and users while maintaining robust safety requirements through federal oversight.

5. Economic Benefits

Regulatory clarity and consistency help reduce compliance costs and legal uncertainty, allowing agricultural businesses to operate more efficiently while maintaining appropriate safety standards.

This legislation represents a balanced approach that maintains strong safety standards while providing regulatory clarity and consistency. It supports our agricultural community while ensuring appropriate safety measures remain in place through federal oversight.

Chairman Beltz, members of the House Agriculture Committee, NDGGA urges a "do pass" recommendation on HB 1318 and we would urge the full House to concur.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions from the committee.