



House Bill 1332  
House Agriculture Committee  
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Chairman Beltz and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Governor Armstrong and Lieutenant Governor Strinden, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1332. This legislation is a key opportunity to strengthen our agriculture sector, drive economic growth, and support farmers and ranchers in North Dakota.

In his State of the State address earlier this month, Governor Armstrong committed to promoting pro-agriculture policies and creating value-added agriculture opportunities across the state. HB 1332 is forward-thinking legislation that aligns perfectly with those priorities.

HB 1332 establishes an incentive program to attract value-added agriculture projects, which will create high-quality jobs and spur economic activity, benefiting communities across our state. These projects also benefit our agriculture producers by improving profitability by creating new, local markets for their products.

North Dakota has a long history of success in attracting value-added agriculture projects to our state. This legislation will provide an additional tool to build on this success, benefiting our farmers, ranchers, and communities for years to come. We respectfully ask the committee to advance this bill with a do pass recommendation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.