North Dakota Legislative Assembly

600 E Boulevard Ave

Bismarck, ND 58505

Subject: Support for House Bill 1514 – Do Pass Recommendation

Dear Members of the ND Legislative House

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1514, which seeks to ban weather modification in the state of North Dakota. I urge you to give this bill a "Do Pass" recommendation to ensure the responsible stewardship of our natural weather patterns and protect our agricultural and environmental interests.

Weather modification programs, such as cloud seeding, have been used for decades with the intent of altering precipitation patterns. However, concerns persist regarding their long-term effects on weather systems, water distribution, and ecological balance. Farmers, ranchers, and communities across North Dakota have raised valid concerns about the unintended consequences of these programs, including potential reductions in natural rainfall, changes in storm intensity, and disruption to local ecosystems.

North Dakota's economy is deeply rooted in agriculture, making predictable and naturally occurring weather patterns critical to the livelihood of many residents. Banning weather modification would help ensure that our state's precipitation remains naturally distributed without artificial interference. Furthermore, with growing concerns over climate variability and water resource management, now is the time to prioritize transparency and natural atmospheric processes over experimental intervention.

I respectfully request that you and your fellow committee members advance HB 1514 with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Protecting North Dakota's environment,

economy, and the integrity of our natural weather is of utmost importance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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