

My name is Joel Dennis, and I'm writing to encourage you to pass HB1514 and end all weather modification in North Dakota.

There have not been any studies that show significant benefits of this program, and what concerns me most is that they are putting man-made chemicals into the air that we breathe. We do not know what effect this has on people, plants or animals. I do not want myself, my children, or future grandchildren breathing in chemical-ridden air in this beautiful state of ND.

Weather modification also has not been proven to reduce hail or increase rainfall. In Mountrail county, we requested that they stop the rain enhancement early in the Spring of 2024, and they had to abide since that portion of weather modification was not voted in. What happened with NO rain enhancement? We had one of the best growing seasons in many years. The crops looked amazing, we got a great amount of rain, and little hail.

Nature was created this way for a reason, and we should not be tampering with something as complicated as the weather, which can change unpredictably. As great as it is to look at the forecast from weather services across the nation, how often are they wrong? It's because weather is unpredictable, and we don't fully understand how it works because of how complicated it is. This is the same case with weather modification, they may think they understand it, but what truly is really being affected by this? There may be short term and possible long term negative effects on nature, or people that we aren't aware of. I don't want weather modification to be around long enough to find out what those long term effects are.

For cleaner air, and to let nature handle the weather, please vote in favor of passing this bill and end weather modification in North Dakota!

Sincerely,

Joel Dennis

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