

Chairman Beltz and members of the Ag Committee thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 1514.

My name is Jon Wert and I farm with my family in the New England, ND area.

We farm in the three counties of Hettinger, Slope and Stark. Our counties voted to stop weather modification decades ago but unfortunately the voice of the people doesn't matter as the counties of Bowman and a small portion of Slope still perform weather modification. That area is directly upwind of our farming operation. The weather modification website and studies show there is a downwind effect of up to 90 miles. Therefore, we are still dealing with the ramifications our citizens voted to abolish. This harmful practice in North Dakota needs to stop. I urge a do pass on HB1514

Sincerely,

Jon Wert