

Good morning to the Chairman, members of the
Agriculture committee

I thank you for giving me an opportunity to
speak today

I am Jamie Kouba from Regent

I am curious in here who knew that we were
seeding clouds in our state before now?

Kinda crazy isn't it

For those of you that didn't the state has been
cost sharing cloud seeding in here since 1976.
At one point 38 of the counties participated in
this and thankfully to the hard work and
dedication of private citizens donating their
precious time and money, mostly farmers we
are down to only 2 counties and a handful of
townships that are somehow operating in a
county that voted it out.

There are many hazards to this

First being that the same chemicals that they tell you increases rainfall and reduces hail is the same chemicals they use to eliminate fog on airport runways and also can guarantee no rain on your wedding day or special event

Did you also know it's used for warfare? To totally decimate areas with drought by overseeding.

Kinda strange when you watch our drought monitor maps and see the people that have absolutely no control down wind of cloud seeding suffer the worst

Isn't that strange?

Its because they can help it fall where they choose to make it fall. Effectively picking winners and losers.

Secondly it's a club, but you and I are not a part of it.

There is no control over them, the same people that run the show are the ones that issue the

permits to operate

They are defiant towards the county commissioners where they operate, a great example is in 2017 the commissioners of Ward County asked them to suspend flights in severe drought only to continue operating as normal.

Even though our state has the longest running cloud seeding operation in the world it still operates as the North Dakota Cloud Modification "Project" , it is called a project because it is an experiment that has never been proven even after operating with state funding for over 50 years (far longer prior) and voids them of any liability

Zero liability, there is not one single law in the state that protects any persons injured wheather its a public nuisance, a violation of property rights by manipulation of your rainfall or health and wellbeing by these ongoing experiments.

In fact last year, Darin Langerud with the NDCMP signed a pact for training, research and development with the South Korean government. Argentine and Romanian delegations also have visited North Dakota in the last two years to go through the training program effectively making the people of western North Dakota nothing more than a bunch of lab rats

I do not know if an environmental impact study has ever been done but to this day one has never been filed

Third is they make claims of great economic benefits based on one hand picked guesstimated hopeful study. If it was a tenth as good as the claims there would be more than two of the 38 counties that once seeded in this state effectively making it nothing more than propaganda. Not to mention the numbers that are talked about today likely include many counties that have overwhelmingly rejected these operations and no longer involved.

Fourth is our health, some say it's bad, some here today will say the messuments are just fine but we all know it can't possibly be doing us any level of good

And we may never know the real reason why North Dakota has well above the average Cancer rates across the United States, it's hard to not wonder why some of the counties that recently left the program and many within the downwind effects of cloud seeding (90–120 miles) have the highest rates of cancer of all categories in the state according to statecancerprofiles.gov from 2017–2021 it seems to have a common denominator

Fifth, and I hate to be disparaging, but there are some that desperately want to use cloud seeding aka geoengineering across the entire world, not just our state, not just the US but the entire world in the name of climate change, some of these people are here today. They don't

care about your health, your livelihood, they care about their pockets lined with our tax dollars whether state or federal in the name of science they call it

Its due time we stop playing God with our weather and we take man, his doctrines, and our tax dollars out of it. And get rid of cloud seeding and keep geoengineering out of this wonderful state for good. Man does not belong meddling in our weather.

I strongly support passing this bill

I wanna say, the only dumb question is the one you don't ask, so please feel free to ask questions, I'm here for clarity

I thank you for your time representatives

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