



# STUTSMAN COUNTY

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House Agriculture Committee  
Mike Beltz, Chairman  
and Members of the House Agriculture Committee  
Testimony in Support of HB 1591

Dear Chairman Beltz, Vice-Chair Hauck, and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Stutsman County Commission, I'm writing to express strong support for HB 1591, which provides essential funding for county fairs across North Dakota.

County fairs are a vital part of our rural communities, showcasing agriculture, supporting youth programs like 4-H and FFA, and bringing families together to celebrate our state's rich farming heritage. These events provide educational opportunities, economic benefits, and a sense of community pride that cannot be overstated.

Many county fairs operate on tight budgets, relying on volunteers and limited local resources to continue their long-standing traditions. HB 1591 would ensure that county fairs have the financial support needed to maintain and improve their facilities, expand programming, and continue serving as a cornerstone of rural life in North Dakota.

I urge you to support HB 1591 and invest in the future of our county fairs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Letter submitted with support of Jerry Bergquist, Chairman and Levi Taylor, Vice-Chairman

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