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**Testimony
of
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Chairman Heinert and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1553. My name is Ryan Gregg, and I am submitting testimony on behalf of the members of North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU). NDFU supports HB 1553, which would provide school meals at no cost to all public and private school students.

NDFU's member-driven Policy & Action supports ensuring that every child has access to both breakfast and lunch at school. Our members take pride in producing the food, fiber, and fuel that feed our communities, and we believe it is our responsibility to help ensure that children in our state do not go hungry. HB 1553 is an important step toward meeting this goal by guaranteeing that all students can access healthy, nutritious meals.

We respectfully request a "Do Pass" recommendation on House Bill 1553. Thank you for your time and consideration.