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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1624. My name is Ryan Gregg, and I am testifying on behalf of North Dakota Farmers Union's (NDFU) members. NDFU supports HB 1624, which provides school meals to all public and private school students at no cost.

NDFU's member-driven Policy & Action supports providing school breakfast and lunch for all children. Our members are proud of their work to provide food, fiber and fuel for our country and world. We feel a strong obligation to connect the food we produce to hungry people, especially those in our own communities. HB 1624 is an important step toward that, ensuring that all students can access healthy school meals.

We respectfully request a "Do Pass" recommendation on HB 1624. Thank you for your consideration.