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**Testimony of  
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Before the  
House Transportation Committee  
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Chairman Ruby and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1421. My name is Ryan Gregg, and I am here on behalf of the North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU). We respectfully oppose HB 1421 because it would increase costs for farmers and impose onerous regulations on the operation of farm tractors.

According to North Dakota's Vision Zero, only a small fraction of accidents involved farm or heavy equipment in 2024.<sup>1</sup> This bill would unnecessarily raise expenses by imposing an annual \$100 fee and increasing labor costs for those operating a farm tractor on an interstate highway.

Our member-driven policy clearly states: "Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) and other warning standards should be used and maintained for farm equipment when traveling on roads." We believe these current standards are already more than sufficient.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the committee give House Bill No. 1421 a "Do Not Pass" recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Vision Zero ND. (2025, January 8). *Status board update as of 01/08/2025*. <https://visionzero.nd.gov/uploads/118/StatusBoardUpdateasof01082025.pdf>