

Chairman Luick and Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

Livestock producers in North Dakota deserve the right to select their representatives from across the entire state, ensuring fair and equal representation. Currently, the Beef Commission is the only checkoff group where members are handpicked by the beef checkoff and the NDSA, by passing a more democratic process.

It is important to recognize that North Dakota is one of the few states with a \$2 per animal checkoff fee that was quietly implemented without a vote from producers. This lack of producer input highlights the need for reform to ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability moving forward."

I urge you to vote in favor of SB 2202, a measure that will promote positive change by establishing equal representation from districts statewide and giving livestock producers a stronger voice in decision-making.

Thank you,

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