Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2202

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It is time to update the ND Beef Checkoff commission makeup, by requiring a fair election process. Almost all other checkoff board members in North Dakota are elected and ran by producers who pay that respective checkoff. SB 2202 provides an election process for the ND Beef Checkoff commission.

This bill allows beef producers (including milk producers) who pay the beef checkoff to run for a position on the ND Beef Commission through an election process within their districts.

It is past time to address this major inequality regarding a producer mandated checkoff. Thank you for having the courage to address this important issue in our state by voting to support SB 2202.

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