

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of SB2202.

I am Judy Johnson from Sentinel Butte, in Golden Valley County where I ranch with my husband, Doug.

I feel strongly about this bill being passed. The North Dakota Beef Commission should be comprised of a true representation of producers through election. North Dakota beef producers should have a say in who spends our checkoff dollars. Passage of SB2202 gives small and large beef producers who belong to varied groups to have an equal voice. Currently that is not the case.

If producers have a say in who represents them, perhaps more of them will be willing to voice their opinions. Younger producers might appreciate that and feel they want to be more involved. We need those younger producers more than ever.

The bill's content offers a way to make this happen. I urge you to vote to pass SB2202.

I respectfully request you support this bill.

Thank you

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