TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2246 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE JANUARY 30, 2025

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF). I'm here today representing our 1,500 members in 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's clubs across North Dakota that make up the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. NDWF is in support of SB 2246.

Ranching communities and sustaining the rangelands that support them is good for wildlife and good for North Dakota. NDWF is committed to keeping grass on the landscape. NDWF is interested in working with landowners to create new ways that might support and open new sources of income. The state needs to embrace how this new science and technology can support rangeland value and sustainability. This study could be the first step to ensure that ranching is sustained well into the future. We urge a Do Pass on SB 2246.