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Testimony of Shaun Quissell Grain and Livestock Division Director Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Fort Union January 31, 2025

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am Shaun Quissell, Grain and Livestock Division director here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring in support of Senate Bill 2287 relating to the removal of the video auction market license.

The bill simply removes the video auction market license as it provides no protection to the livestock producer. The law requires a representative of a video auction market license to have either an auction market or livestock dealer. These two licenses contain the bond, which provides the protection to livestock producers. Currently there are 10 licensed as video auction markets.

I urge a do-pass on Senate Bill 2287 and would be happy to answer the questions you have.

Thank you, Chairman Luick and committee members for your time.