

Testimony SB2327

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To the Honorable Chairman and the members of the Committee. We submit these remarks on behalf of DRC.

Mr Chairman,

We understand the intentions of this bill but we believe that there could be some positive aspects of this bill. Overall, making sure that we have a consistent fund for the expansion of Value Added Agriculture is a good thing. We proudly support mills, pasta factories, creameries, meat processing facilities, and other businesses that directly add value to our crops that we grow in state and the outfits for entrepreneurs and cooperatives in our state to keep these dollars in our local communities to make our local economy thrive.

The biggest problem is though there is a darker side to this, these dollars also bring in large animal agriculture facilities like Riverview Dairy, Multinational Corporations that can push out our local elevators like NDSP, or foreign entities like Fufeng in Grand Forks.

We have to temper our desire to bring economic development to our state and balance it so that we do not become a state that is being exploited for our resources with no benefits to ourselves.