



In Favor of SB 2342
Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs
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Chairman Luick and Committee members:

For the record, my name is Lesley Icenogle. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA) in favor of Senate Bill 2342.

Expanding value-added agriculture in the state is a policy priority for NDCGA. SB 2342 uses the Agriculture Diversification and Development (ADD) fund to incentivize a value-added milk processing facility in North Dakota. Importantly, grant funding under the program can reimburse necessary infrastructure for the facility, including roads and water conveyance. This processing facility will provide dairy farmers in North Dakota with a stable market. In addition, livestock development increases in-state demand for corn and distillers grains, a value co-product of ethanol production.

The North Dakota Corn Growers urge a Do Pass recommendation on SB 2342 to strengthen and diversify North Dakota's agriculture economy. Thank you for your consideration, and I will stand for questions.