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**Testimony of Doug Goehring
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Chairman Weber, and members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I'm here today in support of Senate Bill 2177.

I would like to commend the legislature on the continued work to support the development and enhancement of animal agriculture in the state. This bill is just another example of great work to ensure animal agriculture is supported around the state. During the interim, I chaired the model zoning task force and an issue that was discussed multiple times was infrastructure surrounding animal ag operations. This bill will go a long to assist counties and townships to address that infrastructure needs.

Chairman Weber, and committee members, thank you for your time and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.