
Testimony of Lance Gaebe
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In Support of SB 2333
Senate Finance and Tax Committee
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Chairman Weber and members of the Finance and Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the members of North Dakota Farmers Union in support of Senate Bill No. 2333. I am Lance Gaebe.

Ethanol production provides an important local market for millions of bushels of corn, creates good jobs in rural communities, and provides a valuable feed source for livestock producers. North Dakota's ethanol industry has significantly benefited from past legislative support, notably the 2003 countercyclical incentive program. This farmer-funded program played a crucial role in establishing our state's ethanol sector.

Today, the ethanol industry faces new opportunities and challenges. Growing demand for low-carbon fuels presents both significant market advantages and a need for adaptation. SB 2333 will help North Dakota ethanol producers make the necessary investments in their facilities to meet low-carbon fuels demand.

This shift to a low-carbon fuels focus will:

- Enhance competitiveness by enabling producers to access premium markets for low-carbon fuels, increasing profitability and opportunities for farmers.
- Drive economic growth and stimulate investment and jobs in construction, engineering, and bio-based products.
- Strengthen agriculture with a continued stable and profitable market for North Dakota-grown corn, while continuing to offer valuable livestock feed.

By supporting innovation, North Dakota can position itself as a leader in renewable fuels production, attracting further investment and ensuring the long-term success of our ethanol and agriculture industries.

North Dakota Farmers Union urges your favorable consideration of SB 2333. I will stand for any questions.