

To the committee of SB2106:

My name is Doug Stangeland, I am a third-generation farmer from Williams County, residing in the Williston area.

In 2022, a bunch of farmers gather to discuss the weather modification program that was going on in our area. The consensus of the group was that the program wasn't doing what we were led to believe.

In January of 2023, my family took it upon ourselves to start a petition in hope to finally bring this matter before the voters of Williams County. We needed 2795 signatures, we turned 2998. In getting these signatures, we had an overwhelming support of the local businesses to help in collecting the signatures.

When this was brought before the last legislative session, it failed to pass. We had heard that there wasn't anything from the people to warrant for a vote on the floor. Well, we the people in Williams and Mountrail Counties have spoken, and have spoken loudly.

In an overwhelming turn out of voters, they resoundingly voted 71.8% (10,152 votes) to Abolish the weather modification program in Williams County. In Mountrail County, it was voted to be abolished by 66.46% (2574 votes). It is the general consensus that the people are tired of the government controlling our weather. It is time to let God do what He does best since He is the creator of the weather.

From our experience in living in a county with weather modification, when they do fly into the clouds of a potential storms with rain, they either disperse the clouds or it becomes so violent that the crops are lost due to heavy rain and hail and the hail then causes an astronomical amounts of property damage. Altering weather patterns can disrupt natural ecological balances affecting plants and animals. So that right there tells you that it affects our crops and cattle!

One of the chemicals used in cloud seeding is silver iodide, it could have unknown environmental impacts, potentially affecting the quality of the water and ecosystems.

According to the Utah Appletree Program, some of the symptoms of silver iodide toxicity are as follows:

- *Irritation of the eyes, skin and mucous membranes

- *Gastrointestinal irritation

- *Vomiting

- *Diarrhea

- *Coughing and difficulty breathing

- *Kidney Damage

- *Brain Damage

- *Death

Sounds like some very serious health issues can occur from over exposure. After 60 approximate years of this program, it's time to put the program in the grave before any more damage can be done. Let's put the health of the people of the Great State of North Dakota First!

So we are encouraging this committee to pass SB 2106 for a YES vote!

Respectfully,

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