

**Greetings today, Chairman Patten
and members of the committee**

**Nice to meet you all, I'm Jamie
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**We've all been scammed at one
time or another maybe someone
bought that magic vitamin that
would fix your sore back and reduce
your weight, make you perform
like a super hero, right?**

**Maybe one of you guys had your
phone rang by a guy selling drill bits
that could drill through anything and
you gave him your money to find
out they didn't...**

Or did any of you ladies buy that

product that was going to make your skin perfect smooth? And it wasn't what you hoped for?

Now that we can admit it's happened before, even to the best of us

Let's imagine being a farmer, and for anyone in the room I'm sure you can only imagine back in the day not long after the horse and buggies, farms all over America are getting electricity and even phone lines and some guy calls you up and said Hey! You won't believe this! This guy can make it rain!! And get this? He says he can even make the hail go away!!

Out in the more arid parts of western North Dakota man's greed went straight to his heart thinking he's gonna be farming in the new Iowa, day dreams of 100 bu wheat enter his mind, new tractors and combines, even a new house for his wife!

And in 1951 the experiments in North Dakota began and they were going to make it rain and all the hail was going to go away....

Well.... it still didn't rain and the ice cubes still fell but they wholeheartedly believed they they were

making a difference and if they could only draw the attention of the lab coats followed by the suit and ties they could be rich!

You all know if you repeat a lie enough you will believe it and if you have someone's weakness at your hands you can exploit them...

They did just that and by 1976 they had the state convinced this was working and we only needed more of a bad thing to make it a good thing and the state cost shared 50% with every county that chose to join

This utopia of cloud seeding

brought a long lived drought into the 80's across the entire state and left counties scrambling to get out of it while the NDCMP made it harder and harder to exit leaving us stuck with the handful left for 30 plus years.

I often make my way through Bowman county where it was first born and after all these years of sowing cloud seeds of greed and I still fail to see the economic benefits, given the bogus ones that are often touted on the NDCMP web page by UND and NDSU these gains should be very evident and are absolutely not

Recently Burke County trialed the program and they exited it as soon as the trial period was over, following soon after in 2020 Ward County (the second longest continued program) gave them the boot with nearly 10 to 1 vote against it, and as recently as this past election Montrail and Williams also commanded to leave this program

So far all but 2 counties in this state have said NO to cloud seeding

Not one single county has ever left and came back, NOT ONE proving

it's benefits were blasphemous!

And it shouldn't matter if they were one of the 36 counties that have had it and exited or the other 17 that never allowed it in the first place, the people of this state have overwhelmingly rejected this, even Slope county that has some townships operating has voted it out only to be stuck with it.

Furthermore I advise that this state has no laws or guidelines in place under which any injured by weather modification may assume any form of compensation, they evade this by calling it a "project" aka "expirment"

that has never been proven while it has operated with state funding for nearly FIFTY YEARS!

In fact an environmental impact study has never been filed.

It's way past due time to stop playing God with the weather, I urge you to vote to end Weather Modification and geoengineering in North Dakota, and don't be fooled as it only serves to benefit those at the top of it as the scam that it is.

I thank you for your time and appreciate your willingness to listen and am happy to answer any of your

questions, is there any?

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