

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

Pertaining to SB 2106, we as concerned farmers, ranchers, and business owners in Bowman and Slope counties respectfully request a do not pass recommendation on SB 2106. We feel weather modification is beneficial to agriculture, as well as homeowners and businesses locally and statewide. Recently, Bowman County voted overwhelmingly with 70% of the vote to continue the use of weather modification. The majority of the citizens of Bowman County know the loss of assets due to hail can be devastating to both the county and state economy. When farmers and ranchers are negatively affected by hail loss, the local economy suffers. Grain elevators, lumber yards, implement dealers, livestock supply stores, convenience stores, fertilizer plants, car dealerships and many other small-town businesses suffer when farmers and ranchers experience financial loss from hail. If this bill passes, the loss of the weather modification program of Bowman and Slope Counties would financially burden the citizens and businesses of the area. We ask that you consider allowing local control for weather modification.

In closing, we respectfully request a do not pass recommendation on SB 2106.

Sincerely,

Robb Narum—Slope County Farmer

Lyle Narum—Slope County Farmer

Chance Andrews—Bowman County Farmer

Steve Brooks—Slope County Rancher

Josh Buchmann—Bowman County Commissioner and Business Owner

Pine Abrahamson—Bowman County Commissioner

Aber Krinke—Slope County Farmer

Doug Pope—Slope County Rancher

Dan Powell—Slope County Farmer

Adam Powell-- Slope County Farmer

Thomas Burke-- Slope County Farmer

Donny Burke-- Slope County Farmer

Dave Stebbins—Bowman County Resident

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