

Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Adam Justinger. I am an avid waterfowl hunter and resident of North Dakota. I am testifying today as an individual and in support of SB 2216. This bill proposes a small fee (\$10) in the form of a stamp. When I first moved to North Dakota, there were endless opportunities to waterfowl hunt. In recent years, that has changed drastically.

I am hopeful that this small fee will help fund habitat and conservation. More importantly, it is my hope that these fees will help provide more opportunities for our resident youth to be able to get out and enjoy waterfowl hunting. Additionally, this stamp will allow North Dakota Game and Fish to be able to identify how many individuals waterfowl hunt within North Dakota. Based on the current estimations from Game and Fish, nonresidents are outnumbering residents almost two to one, which is concerning. This stamp will help provide the needed data to determine these numbers.

Recently, Senator Cleary introduced proposed amendments to SB 2216 requiring both residents and nonresidents to purchase the stamp. I believe this is appropriate and that all waterfowl hunters should be required to purchase the stamp. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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