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North Dakota House Agriculture Committee

Testimony House Bill 1338

Chairman Johnson and Committee Members

My name is Gary Knutson, I serve as Executive Director of the North Dakota Agricultural Association. We represent our region's retailers, distributors, and services which provide the fertilizer, crop protection, seed, and related equipment to our region's farmers.

Our purpose is to promote safety and proper application of crop protection and crop nutrient products throughout our Agriculture. I think it can safely be said that crop production is one of the most time sensitive industries in the country. Proper assessment of plant needs and environmental conditions along with training and knowledge of product application is extremely important.

We support House Bill 1338 because of the critical need to maintain our base of certified applicators in the event of a declared emergency. We believe the Pesticide Control Board has the qualifications to extend certifications within the time frame of the Governor's declaration.