

Chairman Johnson and Committee members.

My name is Brian Vculek I am a multi-generational farmer in Sargent County. I am a landholder in drain 11 and the new Jackson assessment districts in Sargent and Dickey Counties. I helped form Jackson Improvement a \$5M drainage project east of Oakes. I grow corn and irrigated potatoes so drainage is very important to my family and I. We also operate our own tiling equipment. I am gaining experience in permitting and installing drainage systems.

I am mostly happy with the current law, but I think 1437 has some important improvements.

It allows:

Projects less than 80 acres to proceed without going through a time consuming permitting process.

Restricts County Water Resource Boards from attaching unnecessary restrictions.

Allows County control in flood situations.

Removes the drainage coefficient language.

Includes the "natural watercourse" language.

Removes the "technical evidence" clause.

For these reasons I support 1437. I hope you do too.