

#### Testimony on 1487 Phil Murphy for NDSGA

Mr. Chairman and committee, please allow me to introduce Kasey Bitz, a farmer and rancher from Lamoure, ND. He will be testifying remotely via Zoom. I would also add that our organization joins with the rest of the ND Ag Coalition to oppose 1487. Checkoff dollars in general are used for research and marketing for the respective commodities and in terms of research alone, I would hazard to say that nothing remotely akin to our current corn or soybean yields would be possible. Producers investing in themselves and their futures have led to agriculture's place of prominence in our state. Please strongly consider recommending a Do Not Pass recommendation for 1487. Thank you for your conscientious representation of our agricultural community.