

My name is Dylan Stearns from Ludden, North Dakota. I am a fifth generation cattle producer that is asking for a YES vote on HB1487. I feel that the North Dakota Beef Checkoff Board is not using the funds wisely. I feel the beef board should be like the South Dakota Checkoff Board is constructed of members that belong to over ten different associations who can better serve a variety of producers which is only a dollar per head. Withholding the extra dollar it does not represent what the North Dakota Beef Producers believe in. I know members of the South Dakota Checkoff Board feel as if their funds are not properly being used at the national level, therefore the State of North Dakota should return to a \$1 checkoff. If producers believe that more recognition needs to come from the state and national level, they can voluntarily give an additional dollar. I have included the supporting documents that we have to provide each time that we sell an animal to request our dollar back. My wife has power of attorney for me, but she can't request or speak on my behalf to request forms for the beef checkoff refund. Thank you for your time and serving the state of North Dakota.

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