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Testimony of Doug Goehring Agriculture Commissioner North Dakota Department of Agriculture Senate Bill 2058 House Agriculture Committee March 12, 2021

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I am here in support of Senate Bill 2058 which will change the definition from "livestock operation" to "value added operation" in relation to the biodiesel partnership in assisting community expansion.

When the Bio-PACE program was developed, it was done so to incentivize the use of dry distillers grains out of a growing ethanol industry. The changes today will further promote value added operations which would complement the grain and livestock producers of North Dakota.

Chairman Johnson and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2058. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.