

Testimony for Senate Bill 2208

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Agriculture Committee:

My name is Dan Jacobson, and I serve as Chairman for the ND Water Resource Districts Association; I serve as Chairman for the SE Cass County Water Resource District; I serve as Chairman of the Cass County Joint Board; and I serve on the Board of Directors for the Red River Joint Board.

The North Dakota Water Users, North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association and North Dakota Irrigation Association's 2021 Goals and Resolutions document includes the following resolution:

ASSESSMENT DRAIN AUTHORITY. We support the assimilation of assessment drain chapters in the North Dakota Century Code to eliminate conflicts between the chapters and to ensure continuity throughout the state in terms of assessment drain procedures.

We support the effort to put a study committee, comprised of legislators and non-legislators, to undertake this important work, as well as look at other areas of water management in the state. We especially appreciate the inclusion of water resource district managers on this study committee. They will bring important expertise with regard to the day-to-day application of these statutes.

For these reasons we would ask the committee to give SB 2208 a do pass recommendation.

I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have regarding this testimony.

Thank you.

Dan Jacobson