

## Senate Bill 2216

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Dakota Resource Council would like to submit the following neutral testimony to Senate Bill 2216. DRC has more than 650 members statewide and was founded in the 1970s to promote sustainable use of North Dakota's natural resources and family-owned and operated agriculture. We also take an active role in advocating for our rancher members interests and advocate for practices that would improve the quality of life for them and their enterprises.

SB2216 may create an unintended consequence. We are aware that this bill is intended to make all zoning language from the township level to the state level consistent in the century code but we need to ask a very important question before we pass this bill. To what extent are townships currently zoned? We would ask that if townships are not currently zoned properly that some appropriations could be spent on educating them about the process. How much time and energy will need to be spent rezoning hundreds of townships across the state? We would respectfully ask that townships are given until Jan 1st 2023 to comply with the law change and make their decision to zone accordingly.

We would urge the House Ag Committee to look at the entire picture before passing the bill.

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