

Testimony on 2208 Phil Murphy, NDSGA

Mr. Chairman and Committee, this is a tough one. As it stands, 2208 is detrimental to Agriculture and cannot be supported. Our board members agree with the philosophies espoused by Water Resource Districts and certainly we cannot condone the delays brought about in section 32 for assessment votes, for one example. As I stated at the outset, this is a tough situation and what I mean by that is the prime sponsor and you, Mr. Chairman, have only the best intentions for Agriculture and have generously shared your upcoming amendments and time. To oppose former colleagues that clearly want to help is never easy. However, until such amendments are clearly laid out and assessed we can leave no doubt that this bill is not tenable.