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Testimony of Doug Goehring Agriculture Commissioner House Agriculture Committee 327C February 3, 2023

Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of HB 1356, which will create a state agricultureal foreign investment review board.

I believe the a board would be beneficial and can have the ability to gather information and vet projects. Then provide unbaised information back to the public. Instead of conjecture, fear, and conspiricacies leading the public discussion, the board could provide honest information and still allow viable projects to be developed in the state. Supporting agribusiness is supporting agriculture, economic security and food security.

Chairman Thomas and committee members, thank you for your time. I urge a do pass on HB 1356. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.