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IN FAVOR OF HB 1153

Good morning Chairman Luick members of the Senate AG Committee

For the record my name is Bart Schott. I am a retired farmer and my son Andy has taken over my farm. We grow Corn soybeans and barley. I'm also a past chairman of North Dakota Corn Utilization Council (NDCUC) and served as a director for region 6 for ND Corn Growers Association (NDCGA). My past includes serving as a member of National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Corn Board and I served as president of NCGA.

I'm here in support of HB1153. Corn producers across the state of North Dakota have been a part of some big changes:

1. Adding revenue crop insurance for all corn produces in every county;
2. Supporting of the ethanol producing plants;
3. Using the expanded FSA farmer grain bin programs;
4. Together with our DC champions writing the prevented plant clause in the Farm Bill.

Theses as just a few of the changes NDCGA has been a part of to make Corn the highest value crop grown anywhere in North Dakota.

Today NDCGA needs your help in passing HB 1153 to meet the future for this organization help its farmer growers. Transferring funds has been nearly impossible between the ND Corn Council and the NDCORN growers because of leadership in the NDCUC.

Like new farm bill, Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), changes in RMA to name a few. We can and will make a difference with the increased moneys.

The current NDCGA board members are young family farmers who are the brightest and most hardworking in North Dakota. These leaders leave their farm and families to serve all the Corn Growers across North Dakota.