

Senator Luick and members of the Senate Ag and Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am in opposition of HB 1371.

Anytime an outside source of investment is invited, the local community suffers as well the rest of the state.

Land prices escalate exponentially, putting the local producers out of the expansion or even the investment process.

Succession would come to a standstill, not allowing another generation to come back home to the farm/ranch.

Is North Dakota's infrastructure ready for Corporate farming on any scale?

Is there enough veterinarians in the state to accommodate the added workload that would be thrust upon them?

Is the State Veterinarians office ready and staffed enough to accommodate the influx of permits, licenses, investigations, diseases etc, etc.?

Adding any type of corporate farming to North Dakota would benefit very few, but would negatively affect the entire Ag Industry in the state.

There's too many variables coming into play and North Dakota is not ready for those.

North Dakota should NOT be for sale.

Please recommend a DO NOT PASS on HB 1371.

Thank You

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