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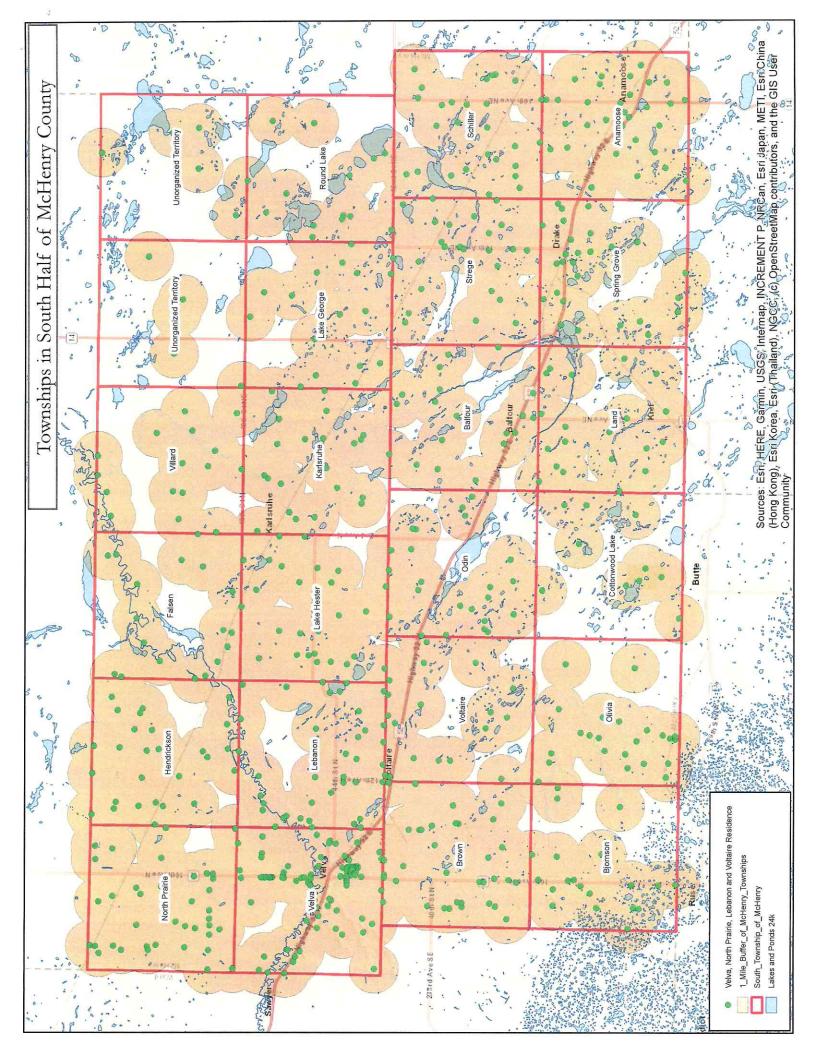
Testimony of Tom Bodine Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee Fort Union Room March 17, 2023

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee, I am Tom Bodine, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner, and I am on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of HB 1437 which creates regionally livestock planning grants.

This is a great start to helping North Dakota focus on its efforts in developing animal agriculture in North Dakota. We feel that this program will be very beneficial in helping establish areas for development and assist in creating sound zoning in counties and townships. This program is a great companion to the livestock friendly counties which you already heard and was recently passed by the house.

Finally, to ensure that there is adequate resources we would like to offer an amendment to request additional funding from the Environment and Rangeland Protection fund.

Chairman Luick and committee members, thank you for your consideration of HB 1437. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1437

Page 2, line 1, replace eight with twelve.

Page 2, line 11, after word necessary, insert:

And moneys out of the Environment and Rangeland Protection Fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$600,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,

Renumber accordingly