

North Dakota Stockmen's Association

Testimony to the Senate Agriculture Committee on SB 2373

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Good morning, Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee. My name is Julie Ellingson and I represent the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, a 93-year-old beef cattle trade organization comprised of more than 3,100 cattle-ranching members.

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association supports SB 2373, which would establish a livestock-friendly county designation program and promote the growth of animal agriculture in our state. As you've heard many times this legislative session, North Dakota is home to high-quality genetics, plentiful feedstuffs, hardworking people and a climate conducive for efficient gains and combatting disease, and there is much potential for animal ag in our state. SB 2373 would aid the state in reaching its potential.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.