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**Testimony of Lukas Wagner
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Good morning, Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee. I am Lukas Wagner, the Pesticide and Fertilizer Division Director here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of HB 1551 which is related to bio stimulants and beneficial substances.

The bill would create a new chapter in 4.1 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to the registration and regulation of beneficial substances. It would define beneficial substances and provide labeling standards that will allow the commissioner to regulate these products. This would help meet industry standards and identify product labeling guidelines. Similar changes to law are occurring in other states.

Chairman Beltz and committee members, thank you for your consideration of HB 1551. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.