



**In Favor of SB 2157**

**House Agriculture**

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Chairman Beltz and Committee members:

For the record, my name is Lesley Icenogle. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA) in favor of Senate Bill 2157.

With agriculture being among the most dangerous professions, the study proposed in SB 2157 will look at developing a safety course to increase knowledge and awareness of safe practices for farmers and ranchers. An insurance premium discount would provide some financial relief to producers in a time of unprecedented high input costs and ongoing low commodity prices. Additionally, although work safety insurance is optional for farmers, it is required for the increasing number of North Dakota producers who employ H2A visa workers.

NDCGA urges a Do Pass recommendation on SB 2157. Thank you for your consideration, and I will stand for questions.