

Ransom County Fair located in Lisbon, is in favor of House Bill No. 1591 Resiliency Grant Program. Lisbon is the county seat for Ransom County and every year we provide a county fair for our community. In addition, it is also where our 4-H Clubs, FFA Organizations and open class exhibitors get together to have their projects judged. We have eight 4-H Clubs in our county with a total of 198 attendees, along with two FFA Organizations, Enderlin and Lisbon, with a total of 228 attendees. This is the biggest event in our county and is very well attended by not only our county, but also with visitors from the surrounding counties of Richland, Sargent, Cass, LaMoure and Dickey. This has a huge economic impact on our community. The fair brings families and friends together to enjoy the judging, the carnival, stock car races, entertainment and fair food in a family friendly environment.

North Dakota county fairs started many generations ago and are a part of our heritage. We all need help keeping them going year after year along with making sure our buildings and grounds are safe for everyone. Many fairgrounds have some of the original buildings and need updating or replacing. Additional funding is needed to help with this. We see House Bill 1591 as a way to help county fairs keep their heads above water and as a way to update their fairgrounds. We would appreciate having "no county fair match to the grant" as smaller fairs would not be able to make that happen. We would appreciate a DO PASS vote for our county fairs. Thank you in advance for your DO PASS vote.