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**Testimony of Lukas Wagner
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Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee
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Good morning, Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee. My name is Lukas Wagner, the Pesticide and Fertilizer Division Director for Department of Agriculture. I am here today on behalf of Ag Commissioner Goehring to provide support for SB 2086 which amends chapter 4.1-33 of the North Dakota Century Code regarding pesticide certification standards. This bill proposes updating the state certification standards to meet the new federal requirements.

These changes will bring North Dakota certification standards up to date according to the EPA directive contained in the 2017 revisions to 40 CFR Part 171 found in Citation 952 of Volume 82 in the Federal Register. These proposed changes have already been reviewed and approved by the EPA. This will allow the state to continue implementing the certification program for the state's applicators.

Chairman Luick and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2086. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.