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Chairman Barta and members of the Senate Industry and Business Committee, I am John Schneider, Business, Marketing and Industry Division Director here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of HB 1568 relating to the creation of the North Dakota Ireland Trade commission.

The Agriculture Commissioner has worked for many years to help expand opportunities for North Dakota businesses to sell products in international markets. Ireland is interested in working closer with North Dakota producers and businesses to invest in infrastructure, support economic growth, and share knowledge of production systems, practices and processing that will benefit both countries.

Chairman Barta and committee members, thank you for your time. I urge a do pass on HB 1568. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.