

## House Agriculture – HB 1515 Meghan Estenson, NDFB Legislative Counsel February 10, 2023

Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

My name is Meghan Estenson and I represent the North Dakota Farm Bureau.

NDFB stands in support of HB 1515.Our policy urges our legislators to reduce regulations to allow for as much local products as possible. - ID#: 2437/211

Twenty eight states currently have less restrictive raw milk laws than North Dakota. Ten states currently allow raw milk to be sold in retail stores. Eighteen states including all of our surrounding neighbors (Montana, South Dakota, and Minnesota) allow for farm to consumer sales.

We think this bill is a step in the right direction to loosen regulation and allow our dairy farmers to sell raw milk directly to consumers.

NDFB respectfully requests a "Do Pass" recommendation on HB 1515.