



# North Dakota Farm Bureau

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RE: North Dakota Farm Bureau Climate Change and Carbon Regulation Policy

Honorable Commission Members;

I am here today representing the members of North Dakota Farm Bureau. Our members have very strong concerns with any regulations or mandates; and in particular, laws and executive orders that are not based on truly sound science. We view any regulation on carbon emissions and climate change with a degree of skepticism, since every solution to the identified problem results in an additional tax or regulation.

Our members believe that any new regulation on this subject should include legitimate Cost Benefit Analysis which indicates that the benefits *significantly* exceed the cost of any regulations or government mandated programs. We support processes by which the regulated community or impacted state can appeal any decision of EPA with regards to compliance on this matter.

Some, but not all of our Farm Bureau policy on Climate Change and Carbon Emissions is highlighted below.

We support:

- Market-based solutions, rather than federal or state emission limits, being used to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from any sources;
- Incentives to industries seeking to become more energy efficient or to reduce emissions of identifiable atmospheric pollution and the means of preventing it;

We oppose:

- Climate change legislation or regulation that establishes mandatory cap-and-trade provisions;
- Climate change legislation that is not fair, affordable or achievable;
- Any climate change legislation that would make America less competitive in the global marketplace and put undue costs on American agriculture, business and consumers;
- Any climate change legislation until other countries meet or exceed U.S. requirements;
- Any regulation of greenhouse gases by EPA;
- Any attempt to regulate methane emissions from livestock under the Clean Air Act or any other legislative vehicle;
- Taxes on carbon uses or emissions.

The North Dakota Farm Bureau thanks the Public Service Commission for the opportunity to share our members concerns on carbon regulation.