



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in support of HB 1158
House Agriculture Committee
January 21, 2021**

Chairman Johnson, members of the House Agriculture Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). Through NDGGA's contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council the North Dakota Grain Growers Association engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal levels on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I appear today on behalf of NDGGA in support of HB 1158.

Chairman Johnson, members of the House Agriculture Committee, you are very well aware of the controversy that has surrounding the assessment of mitigation funds in the state. This controversy led to the establishment by the legislature of the Environmental Impact Mitigation Fund which was supported by NDGGA. The measure reroutes the allocation of mitigation funds to both the Environmental Mitigation Impact Fund as well as to the Federal Environmental Law Impact Review Committee which NDGGA supports. Both the fund and the committee provide essential services to the state; allowing for the allocation contained in HB 1158 assures that both funds can adequately provide their service to the benefit of North Dakota citizens.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests that the House Agriculture Committee give HB 1158 a Do Pass recommendation and requests the full North Dakota House concur.

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