



**Testimony of Brenda Elmer  
On behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association  
March 11, 2021  
In Support of SB 2230**

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

My name is Brenda Elmer and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association.

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association supports SB 2230 to expand the Bank of North Dakota's value-added loan guarantee program to \$75 million.

Part of our mission as an association is to help develop and expand markets for North Dakota corn. We need additional, and diverse value-added projects in the state that can help process North Dakota's commodities and increase the demand. With desirable lending terms and lower costs for such new projects and expansions of existing ones, this will provide more economic incentive to help spur varied opportunities and a boost to our farmers and ranchers and for our state.

We think that this legislation will have a hand in developing a more robust market for our crops and more opportunity for our states growers which helps our communities and North Dakota. We ask you to support SB 2230.

Thank you for your time.