## ND House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Hearing on HB 1133 State Artist Laureate Testimony of David Borlaug, President, The Capital Gallery Society

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is David Borlaug and I am president and director of the Capital Gallery, a nonprofit entity with galleries in Bismarck, Medora, and Fargo.

I encourage you to support HB 1133, which will create a State Artist Laureate position, to be appointed by the Governor.

Our foundation's mission of "celebrating history, art, and culture" will be enhanced by working with this appointed individual, who will be providing programming across the state. This will bring valuable attention to our state's rich offering of art and culture.

I appreciate your consideration and will be happy to answer any questions you may have for me.

Thank you.