



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
Testimony in Support of Senate Concurrent  
Resolution 4007  
House Government and Veterans Affairs  
Committee  
March 25, 2021**

Chairman Kasper, members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, for the record my name is Tom Bernhardt; I am a diversified family farmer from Linton, North Dakota and I am involved in renting from the Board of University and School Lands. I am also President of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association. NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I am providing testimony for you today on behalf of myself and NDGGA in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007, as the Committee is well aware, places on the North Dakota ballot a Constitutional measure which places the North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture onto the Board of University and School Lands. To NDGGA this is placing a badly needed agricultural presence onto this very important panel. NDGGA feels that the Board of University and School Lands becomes more effective if that agricultural presence through the Agriculture Commissioner is a part of the Board makeup. Allowing the voters to decide the issue would, to North Dakota Grain Growers Association, be the prudent course of action.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests that the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee give Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask for the full North Dakota House concur.

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