



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
Testimony in Support of SB 2171  
Senate Agriculture Committee  
January 21, 2021**

Chairman Luick, members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engage in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I appear before you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of SB 2171.

Chairman Luick, members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, you are very aware that SB 2171 transfers the North Dakota Trade Office from the North Dakota Department of Commerce to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. This, to NDGGA, is not to say the Department of Commerce hasn't done its job but rather this is a reallocation of government resources that will better serve the mission of the office for the betterment for North Dakota citizens. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has as one of its focuses a large presence in international trade. The move contained in SB 2171 both enhances the activities of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture it will broaden the effectiveness of the North Dakota Trade Office. That is a win-win scenario for all concerned.

With this in mind the North Dakota Grain Growers Association would respectfully request that the Senate Agriculture Committee give SB 2171 a Do Pass recommendation and would urge the Senate to concur.

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