



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
Testimony in Support of SB 2171  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
January 28, 2021**

Chairman Holmberg, members of the Senate Appropriations 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 am providing testimony for you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of SB 2171.

Chairman Holmberg, members of the Senate Appropriations 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 with the office but rather this is a reallocation of government resources that will better serve the mission of the office for the betterment for North Dakota. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has as one of its priorities a large presence in international trade. The move contained in SB 2171 both enhances the activities of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and will broaden the effectiveness of the North Dakota Trade Office. This is a win-win scenario for all concerned.

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

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