

Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

Good afternoon, my name is Greg Lardy and I currently serve as the Vice President for Agricultural Affairs at NDSU. I am here today at the request of President Bresciani representing NDSU and to speak to the priorities NDSU has outlined in the budget request for the ARPA funds.

NDSU's number one priority is High Performance Computing and Internet2 Connectivity. The draft of SB2345 introduced for the special session contains \$2.2 million for funding for high performance computing infrastructure at NDSU. This appropriation would allow NDSU to continue to serve the needs related to high performance computing research across many segments of the institution including data management, hardware, and analysis. Almost every research discipline at NDSU would benefit from this appropriation.

Thank you for your consideration of this institutional request.