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**Testimony of Dr. Kim Brummond
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Members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees:

I am Dr. Kim Brummond, and I am the owner of West Dakota Veterinary Clinic in Dickinson and also serve as the president of the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association (NDVMA). On behalf of NDVMA, I'd like to voice support of SB 2354, specifically as it relates to appropriating \$8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to ND Agricultural Experiment Station capital infrastructure projects.

NDVMA has spent more than a century representing the interests of veterinarians, their clients and patients. Today, the organization has more than 300 members representing small and large animal, exotic, bovine, and equine practitioners, as well as those veterinarians working in research, academic and government capacities.

Facilities capable of conducting high-quality agriculture and livestock research in North Dakota is very important to the future of veterinary medicine in the state. Therefore, NDVMA supports the following funding:

- \$446,000 for the Carrington Research Extension Center for livestock facility improvements including construction of a covered feeding barn and smart feeding system
- \$1,963,000 for the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center for livestock facility improvements including the renovation of pens, livestock handling facilities, and waste-water containment facilities
- \$3,420,000 for the Hettinger Research Extension Center for livestock facility improvements including the construction of a processing and research support facility for beef cattle and a sheep feed efficiency facility
- \$2,200,000 for the Dickinson Research Extension Center to construct an agricultural laboratory and shop at the DREC headquarters

Investments into the state's research extension centers are essential to responding to the needs of the livestock and agriculture industries in the state and to finding answers to tough research questions that continue to challenge food production in the coming decades.

On behalf of NDVMA, I'd urge your support in appropriating ARPA funds to livestock-related facilities within the research extension center network.