



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of
SB 2345, Section 2
Senate Appropriations Committee
November 8, 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, 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 NDGGA in support SB 2345, Section 2, which will aid in “freeing up” federal funds for road and bridge construction projects in the state.

Road infrastructure in North Dakota has critical needs that must be addressed. SB 2345, Section 2 will help to provide the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) with some of the resources necessary to address some of the critical road and bridge infrastructure needs in the state. Public safety is the responsibility of not only NDDOT but of every decision-maker in the state. NDDOT cannot provide for that public safety without the resources necessary to help carry out this mission. Similarly, the commerce of this state cannot be conducted at any level without an adequate transportation system. SB 2345, Section 2, isn't the “be all, end all” of the resources necessary but it does provide some of the necessary help for NDDOT to get their goals accomplished.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association would respectfully request that the Senate Appropriations Committee approve SB 2345, Section 2, and the Association would hope that the full Senate concur.

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