



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of SB 2282
Senate Government and Veterans Affairs
Committee
February 4, 2021**

Chairman Veeda, members of the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs 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 appearing before you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of SB 2282.

SB 2282, as the Committee is well aware, places in state law the North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture onto the Board of University and School Lands replacing the North Dakota State Treasurer contingent upon approval by the voters. To NDGGA this is not a commentary on the State Treasurer but rather it is placing a badly needed agricultural presence onto this very important panel. NDGGA feels that the Board of University and School Lands becomes more effective if that agricultural presence has the Agriculture Commissioner as a part of the Board makeup. Allowing the voters to decide the issue and having the corresponding North Dakota Century Code update would, to North Dakota Grain Growers Association, be the prudent course of action.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests that the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee give SB 2282 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask for the full North Dakota Senate concur.

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