



Testimony of Brenda Elmer, executive director

North Dakota Corn Growers Association

In SUPPORT of HB 1276

February 8, 2023

Chairman Vigessa and members of the House Appropriations Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to share our support of House Bill 1276. For the record, my name is Brenda Elmer, and I am the executive director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA), which is the voice of the more than 13,000 corn growers across the state at the grass roots level.

HB 1276 would help provide what is otherwise one of the biggest impediments to more value-add agriculture endeavors in our state and that is the capital to get it off the ground or to expand. The agriculture diversification and development fund has been a successful program and the infusion this bill provides will allow it to continue to pay dividends to the taxpayers of North Dakota many times over.

We urge your support of HB 1276. Thank you for your time and consideration to vote DO PASS on HB 1276.