



**Testimony of Samantha Vangsness, government relations liaison**

**North Dakota Corn Growers Association**

**In support of SB 2326**

**March 9, 2023**

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources,

I am Samantha Vangsness, government liaison for the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA). NDCGA is the voice of the more than 13,000 corn growers across the state and advocates at the grass roots level on issues impacting producers. NDCGA would like to voice support of Senate Bill 2326.

NDCGA works closely with water resource district leadership. This bill would clarify that only large flood control and water conveyance projects, over \$1 million, would require an economic analysis by the State Water Commission. These projects are critical for North Dakota producers to fully utilize their land and maximize their crop yields. Clarifying this requirement would reduce delay and expense currently incurred on these small, but important, projects.

We urge a 'Do Pass' recommendation on SB 2326. Thank you for your time today and I stand for any questions you may have.