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Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Members

I am a Farmer from Gilby, ND and would like to tell little story about how extension impacts not only myself but the community it serves.

On our farm we put on an event every year called Root Connections, the event happens right here on our farm and we open it up to the community, GF in particular to come visit a farm, meet a farmer and just get out in to the country. Last year we served approximately 140 meals and had a great turnout showcasing Ag.

This event would not have been possible without the help of the Extension Service. The coordination, promotion and connections are invaluable to the process and they help to make this event a success.

I wholehearted stand behind the Extension Service and request that funding be continued without any interruptions or decreases, I would even go so far as to advocate for increased funding for programs. The value they provide to North Dakota is immense

We are an Agricultural State and we need to support It

Thank you

Greg Amundson
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