



**In Support of SB 2020
Northern Crops Institute
House Appropriations – Government Operations Division**

Testimony of Andrew Mauch

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Chairman Monson and members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew Mauch, and I farm near Mooreton. I am the current president of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association. I am here today to support SB2020 and the budget request for the Northern Crops Institute.

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association was organized in 1987 with a mission of growing a healthy, profitable business climate for northern corn. NDCGA is the farmer-led membership organization focusing on policy that impacts North Dakota corn producers. NDCGA has identified six priorities, including ethanol, livestock, grower services, production/stewardship, corn research, and public policy. NCI is a valuable partner with the North Dakota corn industry in supporting many of these priorities.

For over 40 years, NCI has connected our ag industry to international grain buyers and processors with a direct benefit to our producers. In 2024 alone, they connected with 71 countries in their educational programs and led a two-year study showing the increased feed value of US corn to corn from Brazil, Argentina, and Ukraine. They host webinars on the Future of Feeding, Market Updates, Ethanol Procurement, and short courses on US Grain Commodities, Procurement, Risk Management, and Livestock Feeding.

We support SB2020 as passed by the Senate and appreciate additional general funding to help NCI cover some increased operating expenses. North Dakota agriculture is best served when NCI can concentrate on high quality programming and not focus on chasing grants and sponsorships to cover its budget.

Therefore, we ask for your continued support of SB2020 and request any additional appropriated funding for NCI so they can continue to deliver on their mission. On behalf of North Dakota's corn growers, we appreciate your support of the Northern Crops Institute. Thank you.