



In Favor of HB 1218
House Energy and Natural Resources
January 30, 2025

Chairman Porter and Committee members:

For the record, my name is Lesley Icenogle. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA) in favor of House Bill 1218.

NDCGA works closely with water resource district leadership. This bill clarifies that only large flood control and water conveyance projects, over \$5 million, 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 will reduce the cost burden for local landowners and help rural drainage projects move forward in a timely manner.

NDCGA urges a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1218. Thank you for your consideration.