
North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts



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Chairman Monson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Morgan Hochsprung, Program Manager for the North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts (NDASCD). The NDASCD has provided representation for the 54 Soil Conservation Districts in North Dakota since 1940. The NDASCD, its board, and the North Dakota Soil Conservation Districts (SCDs) are in favor of Senate Bill 2020.

NDSU Extension supports SCDs at the state level through the support of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee (NDSSCC). NDSU Extension and the NDSSCC work collaboratively to produce online District Supervisor training and the Soil and Water Conservation Leadership Academy (SWCLA).

Having personally attended the SWCLA, I can testify to the value of resources and skills learned during the Academy workshops. District Supervisor Training has led to record-breaking efficiency within SCDs, all of which can be tied back to the value of NDSU Extension.

The connection between NDSU Extension and SCDs does not stop there, however. NDSU Extension county agents across the state work closely with SCD boards toward the shared goals in conservation and education.

The NDASCD supports SB 2020. That being said, I would like to stress the importance of maintaining or increasing the NDSSCC line; that is a priority for the NDASCD.

We appreciate the support received thus far and ask that the support of these programs continue. NDSU Extension has a value that would be detrimental to watch diminish. The NDASCD asks for your support of SB 2020.

Sincerely,

Morgan Hochsprung

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