



North Dakota Grain Growers Association Testimony in Support of HB 1149 House Appropriations Committee January 26, 2021

Chairman Delzer, members of the House Appropriations Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). Through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council NDGGA engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal levels on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I appear before you today in support of HB 1149.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, all of you are well aware that agriculture is one of the principle consumers of energy at all levels. NDGGA has engaged with the liquified natural gas industry to look for ways to expand agricultural energy sources to benefit farmers. Liquified natural gas is another energy source that can allow for greater energy access which can diversify the energy base that agriculture utilizes. HB 1149 provides the seed money necessary to aid in this energy diversification.

NDGGA is well aware of the “price tag” contained in the legislation; nonetheless NDGGA is confident that the North Dakota legislature will find the suitable funding level to move forward with these very important liquified natural gas pilot projects. With North Dakota’s abundance of natural gas resources, it would seem to be prudent energy management to harness this resource for the benefit of the state.

Therefore, the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests the House Appropriations Committee give HB 1149 its favorable consideration and we would ask for the full House to concur.

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