



Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. My name is Luke Anderson, I am part owner and operator Anderson Seed Farms Inc. in Forman, ND. I also am a representative on the advisory council for the Agronomy Seed farm in the SE District, and I am the board president of the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association (NDCISA). Since 1958 we have produced, conditioned, and sold Certified Seed. We have raised many crops throughout our history and the origin of many of these varieties have taken place at Agronomy Seed Farm. We have relied on the research and expertise of NDSU, NDSU Extension services, and the Agronomy Seed Farm in Casselton, to provide us with good quality foundation seed varieties that have played an integral part in our success as seed operation and the success of our farmer growers who have relied on the seed we produce.

The Economic benefits that the Agronomy Seed Farm provides for seed producers in the state of North Dakota and surrounding region are greater than most realize. I can attest to this personally as a seed producer and as board member for NDCISA. Without the Agronomy Seed Farm's work in research trials and foundation seed production, area growers would not have the access to the scientific data and quality seed needed to grow NDSU seed varieties. This contribution creates an economic benefit not only to the state of North Dakota and NDSU, but also to the farmers of North Dakota and the surrounding region.

As a member of the Advisory council, I can also say that everyone at the Agronomy Seed Farm operates in the upmost professional manner. They are meticulous at not only producing clean and pure seed for farmers but also manage many research trials that provide seed growers and researchers important data on seed varieties.

In closing, I am asking for the approval of the Agronomy Seed Farm budget. The Agronomy Seed Farm is self-supported and does not require any general fund appropriations which supports how efficient and successful the Agronomy Seed Farm has been for the people of the great state of North Dakota.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

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