



**Testimony of Brenda Elmer
On behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association
January 20, 2021
In Support of SB 2020**

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

My name is Brenda Elmer and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association.

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association appreciates the opportunity to voice our members' support of NDSU extension, ag research, and the North Dakota Ag Experiment Station. These efforts immensely support our states ag industry and economy. We view these functions as key supports for our state's growers. The proposed budget cuts would compromise the positive impact they have in strengthening agriculture in North Dakota and we ask you to reject the cuts and fully fund these areas.

Extention in particular is a function that is critical to the backbone of our ag communities. The extension teams in our counties are vital to raising the next generation of farmers in our state. I grew up experiencing 4-H and many of our growers' families are a part of it as well. It is integral to the ag foundation for our children to not only to be familiar with farm life but to embrace it and thrive.

We ask you to support full funding of these programs to help ensure a strong foundation for North Dakota agriculture. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your time and effort and thank you for your public service.

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