North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of SB 2321
Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee
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Chairman Klein, members of the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I am providing testimony for you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of SB 2321.

Chairman Klein, members of the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee, value added agriculture has been one of the many themes that has resonated in the 67th Legislative Assembly. Nothing represents the success of value-added agriculture more than the microbrewing industry in North Dakota. I have marveled for quite some time how brewpubs and taprooms in this state have utilized North Dakota agricultural products and have created top quality products to serve to their customers. Unrelated to this bill but just as important to the microbrewing industry and value-added agriculture is the story of Two Track Malting in Lincoln, North Dakota, which supplies malt to many microbreweries in the state and the region. This allows North Dakota microbreweries in the ability to use home grown barley in the brewing process. It is success stories like that which the North Dakota Legislature can be proud of.

Chairman Klein, members of the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee, SB 2321 seeks to allow brewpubs and taprooms the same business model as domestic wineries and distilleries in this state. This is a jobs bill, it's a consumer's bill, it's a charitable contributions bill and it's a pro-business bill. The North Dakota Grain Growers Association is a proud associate member of the North Dakota Brewers Guild and we are proud supporters of SB 2321. Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association would respectfully request that the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee give SB 2321 a Do Pass recommendation and would urge the full Senate to concur.