



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of
HB 1148
House Agriculture Committee
January 20, 2023**

Chairman Thomas, members of the House Agriculture 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 HB 1148.

HB 1148, as you are all aware, creates the agriculture infrastructure fund which allows the North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner the ability to administer grants for infrastructure improvements. These grants would be essential for the development or enhancement of new or existing value-added agriculture businesses as well as to organizations for capital improvements. These grants dollars could be used for road and bridge improvements, water and sewer line improvements, as well as electrical and gas supply improvements.

The agriculture fund as proposed in HB 1148 would be a vital tool for the promotion and expansion of new and emerging agri-businesses which would be vital to North Dakota agriculture's value-added expansion.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests the House Agriculture Committee give HB 1148 a Do Pass recommendation and would urge the full House concur.

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