



Testimony of Brenda Elmer, executive director

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In SUPPORT of HB 1239

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Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of HB 1239. My name is Brenda Elmer, executive director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA), which is the voice of the more than 13,000 corn growers across the state.

NDCGA appreciates the role of the water resource districts and the work they perform. During the 67th Legislative Assembly HB 1437 was passed to update the drainage statutes in North Dakota. In that legislation, landowners who have tile projects that fall under the 80-acre permitting threshold were required to notify their local water resource district and provide some very basic information about the project. That simple requirement was sunset, and HB 1239 would continue the notification requirement, which appears to have worked well.

We urge a 'Do Pass' recommendation on HB 1239. Thank you for your time today. I'd be glad to answer any questions.