

Northland

POTATO GROWERS ASSOCIATION



NORTHLAND
POTATOES

January 27, 2023

Re: Senate Bill 2279
SUPPORT Letter

We are writing this letter in **SUPPORT of SB 2279** relating to a commercial property tax exemption for grain elevator and potato warehouse property used for personal use.

The Northland Potato Growers Association (NPGA) represents 150+ potato growers across ND. As you are aware, potatoes are a perishable crop that must be properly stored in warehouses and buildings to extend their life for timely processing and shipping throughout the winter, spring and summer months. Many of these warehouses are located within town/city boundaries for the express purpose of ease of shipping, safety, transportation, etc. Some buildings are located adjacent to rail lines/spurs to accommodate shipping potatoes across the country. The vast majority of these warehouses are used exclusively to store and ship from the grower's own personal potato crop.

We respectfully request the approval of SB 2279.

Sincerely,

Donavon Johnson
President