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My name is Donald Buckmier and I am a small grains and row crop farmer from the Minnewaukan/Maddock area. I have been on the advisory board at the Carrington Research Center for two years. Even before I was a board member, I used the information from the research centers to help me make decisions for my farm. Some of those decisions include variety trials such as what variety works best in what soil at what population. There is no other resource that would tell me what works best in my soil in my area. This also includes crop nutrition, nitrogen stabilizers, biologicals, farming practices (such as no till, conventional till, strip till) and crop rotation. I have worked extensively with the research centers trying to fix unproductive land due to soil salinity. The list is lengthy of all the benefits provided to us from the research centers. This information is available to all farmers either through the research center's CREC Annual Research Report or Ag Hub. I find the annual publication and Ag Hub website both extremely beneficial resources. Every year I look forward to the book coming out so I can find out the results of the prior year's research.

The House Appropriations version of this bill is quite favorable in support of the mentioned benefits to all producers in this state. I encourage the Senate Appropriations Committee to support bill HB 1020 as it is a valuable resource to all agriculture producers in North Dakota. I also look forward to hearing about continued support for the Oakes Irrigation Research site and the capital projects included in HB1020.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this bill.

Regards,

Donald Buckmier