

# Cavalier County Job Development Authority

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My name is Shannon Duerr and I work as the Executive Director for the Cavalier County Job Development Authority. In that capacity I also serve on the advisory board for the Langdon Research Extension Center (LREC).

Thank you for considering testimony on H.B. 1020 this morning. I encourage you to support the additions/changes as presented by the House of Representatives for the current version of the bill, and on behalf of CCJDA I want to extend our support for:

- carryover funding for the Langdon REC greenhouse plus the additional \$251,430 to complete the project,
- one FTE (\$176,000) and operating funds (\$74,000) to support the expanding plant pathology research program at LREC,
- a request to increase operating funds (to \$480,000) for the REC's and the Main Station,
- and funding for four equipment sheds (\$1,900,000) to be used to store specialized research equipment plus additional funding so that all seven research centers would be able to provide adequate care for the equipment.

CCJDA is closely aligned with the LREC in all of our economic development goals for the community and region. The work of all our REC's around the state is highly regarded and is a mainstay of the robust agricultural sector of the North Dakota economy. I encourage your support for H.B. 1020.

Respectfully,

  
Shannon Duerr, Executive Director  
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