

North Dakota Grain Growers Association Testimony in Support of SB 2329 Senate Finance and Taxation Committee January 24, 2023

Chairman Kannianen, members of the Senate Finance and Taxation 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 SB 2329.

SB 2329 uses a portion of the Motor Vehicle Excise tax to fund township infrastructure in non-oil-producing counties. Mr. Chairman, members of the Senate Finance and Tax Committee, you are very aware of the infrastructure upgrades needed across North Dakota. This is especially true in the non-oil-producing counties and townships in the state. Adequate infrastructure is essential to the success of North Dakota business; it is both the strength and the weakness of the North Dakota economy. Providing additional infrastructure funding for townships allows these governmental entities the opportunity, on a basic local level, to enhance the economic opportunities that are afforded to the individuals living in those townships. This investment benefits all North Dakotans.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests that the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee give SB 2329 a Do Pass recommendation and would hope the full Senate concur.