



**Testimony of Brenda Elmer, Executive Director**

**North Dakota Corn Growers Association**

**In OPPOSITION of SB 2387**

**January 31, 2023**

Chairman Kannianen, members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee, for the record my name is Brenda Elmer, Executive Director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association. We are opposed to SB 2387 as introduced because it removes the farm home property tax exemption for farmers and ranchers who economically support the state in tremendous and robust ways.

Last month, Governor Burgum joined NDSU at the Capitol to unveil a first of its kind comprehensive study of the economic contribution of agriculture in the state. For the year 2020, agriculture contributed nearly \$31 billion to the economy and more than 110,000 jobs. Agriculture has an incredible impact on the economy and the lives of North Dakotans. We believe the future of agriculture in North Dakota is promising.

Farmers pay significant property taxes as it is, despite not receiving services that their town counterparts often do.

We urge your DO NOT PASS vote on SB 2387. Thank you for your time and consideration of North Dakota corn growers today.