

Dear Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

The Walsh County 4-H Council, comprised of dedicated 4-H leaders from across our county, would like to officially express our support for HB 1591. Walsh County 4-H has a proud tradition of excellence in North Dakota, marked by numerous accomplishments and the development of outstanding young adults who have represented our community with distinction.

Our county is home to one of the largest 4-H livestock shows in eastern North Dakota, an event that highlights the hard work, dedication, and talents of our youth. These shows take place in the arena, a space that has been central to creating countless cherished memories for families and participants at the fair. The arena and other fair buildings are vital not only for 4-H activities but also for fostering a sense of community and pride in our region.

We strongly support any efforts to assist in the renovation and improvement of this building. Over the years, both the fair and the county have made significant investments in maintaining the fairgrounds and its structures for over 75 years. However, the costs associated with necessary repairs and upgrades are now exceeding the capacity of local resources. As a result, we are advocating for assistance to ensure the continued use and enjoyment of these facilities for future generations of 4-H members, families, and the community at large.

Sincerely,

Walsh County 4-H Council