

Testimony for the County Fair Resiliency Grant Bill- HB 1591

Dear House Agriculture Committee,

I am Lily McFadden, and a member of the Slope County Fair Board. I am writing on behalf of the Slope County Fair. Our fair is the longest, continuous county fair in North Dakota, dating back to August of 1920. I strongly support House Bill 1591, which proposes to allocate grant funding from the general fund to assist county fairs with infrastructure improvements. If this bill passes it will provide essential support to smaller communities, enabling them to sustain their county fairs and continue fostering opportunities for youth involvement through programs like 4-H.

Being in a small, rural community we all cherish our county fair. It is a time where we can come together as a community and enjoy each other's company, share laughs, and support our youth through 4-H. Our youth are a vital part of our community's future, and the county fair provides them with a platform to showcase their hard work, skills, and dedication. Through our fair we can help them foster a sense of pride, responsibility, and achievement while helping build lasting connections between generations. The fair is not only a celebration of agriculture and tradition but also a cornerstone of the community cohesion and support. By investing in the infrastructure of our county fairgrounds, we ensure that this valuable tradition can continue to thrive and positively impact future generations.

I strongly encourage you to support House Bill 1591 as it is vital for the continued success of county fairs across North Dakota, especially for smaller, rural communities like ours. By providing the necessary infrastructure support, this bill will preserve an important tradition, empower our youth, and strengthen the bonds within our community. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Lily McFadden

Member, Slope County Fair Board.