

## North Dakota State University

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Chair Sorvaag and members of the Senate Appropriations Education and Environment Committee. My name is Mike Ellingson and I serve as the Facilities Director at North Dakota State University. I am here today on behalf of North Dakota State University to provide testimony in support of SB 2212.

NDSU would like to thank you for SB 2212. When I started at NDSU in 2010 our original general fund budget for deferred maintenance was \$2,732,244 for the biennium. In 2014 the University System hired a third party to review the deferred maintenance backlog. Of which NDSU had the highest total of \$243 million. That was just buildings. It excluded sewer, water, steam and the heating plant. Our current general fund budget of \$9,331,638 for tier funding has allowed NDSU to reduce the rapid increase of our deferred maintenance to an estimate of \$323 million. With this proposed general fund increase of \$10 million-dollars we believe it will help NDSU turn the corner on our outstanding deferred maintenance on the campus.

Thank you. I stand for any questions from the committee.