

Good morning.

My name is Greg Goodman, REC Advisory Board member for the Langdon Research Center. I am currently a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer, crop insurance agent, and a Cavalier County Commissioner. Thank you for taking the time this morning to listen to testimony on H.B. 2020. I would also like to thank you for the past support for the Langdon Research Center regarding the new greenhouse and storage building that have recently been added to our facility.

The State Board of Ag Research (SBARE) has outlined a priority in their 2025 plan to fund a new seed conditioning plant at the Langdon Research Center. This plant has been an integral piece of agriculture for our region over the past 62 years. Farmers, seed companies, and County Crop Improvement Associations have financially and agronomically benefitted from this plant during this time period. However, the aging facility has come to the end of its useful life, and operation of the plant is in question every day due to lack of available parts, a scale that no longer meets state standards, and the safety of our workers.

The Langdon Research Center's footprint in northeast North Dakota yields a wide variety of crops that are produced in the area. Many of these crops, most notably dry peas, continue to increase in acreage, and the standards set to clean these crops are challenging. A new seed conditioning plant will allow the Langdon Research Center to meet the demands of these growing specialty crops, in addition to supporting the very important Foundation Seed Programs.

I would ask you to support the efforts to put in a new seed cleaning plant at the Langdon Research Center.

Thank you for your time,

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