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Testimony of Ryan Gregg North Dakota Farmers Union Before the Senate Agriculture & Veteran Committee January 23, 2025

Chairman Luick and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4002. My name is Ryan Gregg, and I am testifying on behalf of the North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU). We support SCR 4002.

Our members oppose perpetual easements on wetlands. Our member-driven Policy & Action also states: "All wildlife easement contracts taken by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in North Dakota should...be renegotiated every 15 years or less or upon a change of ownership."

SCR 4002 urges Congress to pass legislation allowing farmers to "buy out" of USFWS easements encumbering their land. This resolution is consistent with NDFU's Policy & Action.

We respectfully request the committee give SCR 4002 a "Do Pass" recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.