



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of SB 2153
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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Chairman Patten, Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland representing the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA supports Senate Bill 2153.

This bill is critical for ensuring the efficient and sustainable management of our state's water resources, which are vital to the success of our agricultural industry.

SB 2153 clarifies the definition of "project" as it relates to water conveyance, recognizing the interconnected nature of water infrastructure projects. By including physically connected or jointly managed and operated works, the bill provides a more realistic and practical framework for planning and managing water resources.

This revised definition will directly benefit farmers and ranchers across North Dakota. It helps us better understand the scope of water conveyance projects, enabling us to plan for long-term water management and ensure adequate water resources are available for irrigation and other agricultural uses.

NDGGA believes that this bill is a step in the right direction, fostering a more comprehensive and collaborative approach to water resource management. It will enhance our ability to protect our water resources and support the continued growth of our agricultural industry.

Therefore, Chairman Patten, Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, NDGGA would respectfully request a Do Pass recommendation for SB 2153 and would urge the full Senate to concur.