

North Dakota Grain Growers Association Testimony in Support of SB 2208 House Agriculture Committee March 11, 2021

Chairman Johnson, members of the House Agriculture Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I am providing testimony for you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of the study contained in SB 2208.

Chairmen Johnson, members of the House Agriculture Committee, all of you are very aware of the issues surrounding water law and its administration in the state. Orderly water management is essential to the success not only of North Dakota agriculture but of the entire North Dakota economy. It is impossible to address decades of water law disputes in one legislative session; that said the study that is included in SB 2208 is the right approach to address the water management needs of North Dakota.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association would respectfully request that the House Agriculture Committee give SB 2208 a Do Pass recommendation and would urge the full House to concur.