



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of HB 3016
House Government and Veterans Affairs
Committee
February 4, 2021**

Chairman Kasper, members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs 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 HCR 3016.

HCR 3016, as the Committee is well aware, puts on the North Dakota ballot a Constitutional measure which places the North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture onto the Board of University and School Lands replacing the North Dakota State Treasurer on the Board. To NDGGA this is not a commentary on the State Treasurer but rather it is placing a badly needed agricultural presence onto this very important panel. NDGGA feels that the Board of University and School Lands becomes more effective if that agricultural presence is the Agriculture Commissioner. Allowing the voters to decide the issue would, to North Dakota Grain Growers Association, be the prudent course of action.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests that the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee give HCR 3016 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask for the full North Dakota House concur.

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