

North Dakota Grain Growers Association House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testimony in Support of SB 2036 March 11, 2021

Chairman Porter, members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, for the record my name is John Weinand; I am a farmer and a landowner from Hazen, North Dakota. I am also Past President of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association and I was a citizen member of the Interim Natural Resources Committee. Today I am here to represent myself and the North Dakota Grain Growers Association in support of SB 2036.

I was proud to be asked to participate in the Interim Natural Resources Committee during the 2019-2020 Interim. Landowner rights is a very important issue to me and to my family. I am an avid hunter as well, tackling mountain lions among other species in our state. I was pleased with the legislation, for the most part, that our Committee has forwarded for the 2021 Legislature's consideration. Committee members did not always agree but it is the debate that ultimately provides for legislation for your consideration.

The debate on landowner/sportsmen's rights continues; with that in mind the Interim Committee's work should continue as well. Therefore, I would respectfully request the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee give SB 2036 a Do Pass recommendation to continue the work on this very important issue.