



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of HB 1437
Senate Agriculture Committee
March 11, 2021**

Chairman Luick, members of the Senate 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 HB 1437.

HB 1437 streamlines the permitting process for tiling projects in North Dakota. NDGGA is pleased that the legislation continues to allow for tiling projects of under 80 acres be exempted from requiring a permit. Additionally, NDGGA is pleased at the inclusion of confidentiality provisions regarding the disclosure, without cause, of tiling plans which are contained in the bill. Streamlining the tiling process should further enhance water management efforts in the state.

Orderly water management is critical to the continued success of North Dakota agriculture. Therefore, Chairman Luick, members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the North Dakota Grain Growers Association would respectfully request that the Senate Agriculture Committee give HB 1437 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask that the full Senate concur.

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