



**Testimony of Rob Hanson
On behalf of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association
January 28, 2021
In Support of SB 2230**

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee,

My name is Rob Hanson and I am the President of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association and I farm near Wimbledon, ND.

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association supports the legislation Senator Wanzek has introduced in Senate Bill 2230 to expand the Bank of North Dakota's loan guarantee program to \$100 million.

Part of our mission as an association is to help develop and expand markets for North Dakota corn. We need additional, and diverse value-added projects in the state that can help process North Dakota's commodities and increase the demand. With better lending terms and lower costs for such new projects and expansions of existing ones, this will provide more economic incentive to help spur varied opportunities and a boon for our farmers and ranchers and for our state.

We think that this legislation will have a hand in developing a more robust market for our crops and more opportunity for our state's growers which helps our communities and North Dakota. We ask you to support SB 2230 as well.

Thank you for your time. I welcome any questions.