

North Dakota Grain Growers Association Testimony in Support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007 Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee February 4, 2021

Chairman Vedaa, members of the Senate 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 Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007, 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. 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 has the Agriculture Commissioner as a part of the Board makeup. 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 Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee give Senate Concurrent Resolution 4007 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask for the full North Dakota Senate concur.