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TO: Senator Greg Kessel, District 39

RE: Senate Bill 2368

My letter today is to voice support of Senate Bill 2368, the Grasslands Grazing Grant Program. As a beef producer, forage management is perhaps the most vital part of any successful beef operation. The success of forage management hinges on the symbiotic relationship between the soil, air and water. All three are necessary to produce the feed for livestock.

Water is the ingredient most useful in management decisions to fully utilize forage, which is why the enactment of Senate Bill 2368 is such a game changer for beef production. The monies from the bill will allow for establishment of water wells, cross fencing and other conservation practices that protect and utilize resources and strengthen the revenue stream for those in beef production.

Wells will produce the water; pipelines can send the water to areas where the forage is lush and tanks can provide the fresh water reservoirs to maintain herd health and protect the environment. The farmers and ranchers of North Dakota are our frontline environmentalists who have a direct line to using tried and true conservation practices. SB 2368 will allow producers a funding mechanism through a grant program which will allow for pasture rotation, wildlife enhancement and carbon capture.

I strongly support the provisions of this piece of legislation. I urge support of SB 2368.

Sincerely,

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