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**Lance Gaebe on behalf of
North Dakota Farmers Union
Testimony in Support of SCR 4002
House Agriculture Committee
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Chairman Beltz and members of the Agriculture Committee, my name is Lance Gaebe. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of North Dakota Farmers Union in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4002.

NDFU members oppose perpetual easements on wetlands. Our member-driven Policy and Action document states: "All wildlife easement contracts taken by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in North Dakota should...be renegotiated every 15 years or less or upon a change of ownership."

SCR 4002 urges Congress to pass legislation allowing farmers to "buy out" of USFWS easements encumbering their land. This resolution is consistent with NDFU's Policy & Action.

We respectfully request the committee give SCR 4002 a "Do Pass" recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.