

March 9, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, House
Appropriations Government Operations Division

I am writing this letter asking for your continued support of the NDSU Central
Grasslands Research Extension Center (CGREC) located near Streeter ND.

This letter is written on behalf of the advisory board to the CGREC.

The research being conducted on range, forages, and animal science plays a critical
role in helping to keep our agricultural-based economy healthy. The CGREC is made-
up of 5,335 acres of mixed-grass prairie in Stutman and Kidder Counties. This location
primarily serves a 16 county area in the Missouri Coteau but its outreach has been
much greater than that.

The CGREC is uniquely positioned to conduct research trials on a field scale and
unbiased third-party basis. This research continues to provide information and ideas
that farmers and ranchers can apply to their own operations. The network of
experiment stations that CGREC is part of is vital to the continued effort to enhance
economic return of grazing lands and forages while promoting ecosystem services and
land conservation. This is their mission! Farmers and ranchers need help researching
new production methods that they can take and use as they may not be willing to try
themselves until they are more proven.

On behalf of the advisory board to the NDSU CGREC, we support Senate Bill SB2020.

Thank you for time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Christof Just

Chair of the CGREC Advisory Board

Berlin, ND