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Subject: Support for House Bill 1218

Dear Chairman Porter and Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1218, as amended. By raising the Economic Analysis process threshold to \$5 million, HB 1218 will have a significant and positive impact on drainage and flood protection projects across the state. This change will provide more cost-share dollars for important water projects, reduce project and cost-share delays, and lower the financial burden on landowners who rely on these projects. Ultimately, this bill will lead to substantial cost savings for landowners and agricultural producers and will reduce the need for higher taxes or assessments on landowners who rely on drainage and flood protection projects.

Passage of HB 1218 is a necessary step in streamlining the funding process, ensuring that vital water management projects move forward efficiently, and delivering cost-effective solutions to North Dakota's landowners. Passage of HB 1218 will demonstrate the Legislature's strong support for the ag community and will send a clear message that North Dakota rejects unnecessary bureaucracy, in favor of landowners, farmers, and ranchers.

I respectfully urge a DO PASS on HB 1218.

Sincerely,

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