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SBARE Stakeholder Written Testimony
NDSU-Ext. & ND Ag Experiment Stations
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SBARE and To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your time and interest in the future of North Dakota. I am always looking forward to the next legislative session and the impact we can make as rural and community members.

I would like to express my concern on the direction of NDSU Extension Service and ND Ag Experiment Stations. NDSU-Extension brings education and awareness from youth to senior citizens. Budget cuts are inevitable, but ND is a grass roots-boots on the ground state. We are lucky to have a land grant university that provides information and resources to the rural Ag communities on so many levels. Teaching the next generations, as well as the current, on all the possibilities in the Ag and rural community sectors. The scope of duties that Extension encompasses is untouchable by any other organization and they need to be there for all the great partnerships they have formed. Without them, many other organizations longevity will be in the air as well.

Attached are ways that NDSU-Extension reaches me on a personal level, either currently or in the past. You will see that for myself, along with many others, the impact is in more than a single area. As a state, we cannot afford to lose many of these programs and the employees that implement them. Much appreciation is given for the opportunity for those who are and will be directly affected by this to give their testimony.

I ask that you recommend to the Legislature and the Governor that an investment in NDSU-Extension is an investment in ND rural communities, counties, and our great state.

With much appreciation,

X Ruben Crest

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farmer/Rancher | <input type="checkbox"/> Board or Committee Member-City, Township, County, State | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education-Student, Teacher, Research, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Career | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag Related Career | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Finance Career |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governement-City, State, County, Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NDSU Impacts Me In These Areas:

(Check ALL that apply and add additional if needed)

Family & Consumer Sciences

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Nutrition Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Million Hearts Campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucession Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety Programs |

Community Vitality

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Workshop Participant | <input type="checkbox"/> ND Historical Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agri-Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Leadership ND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> IMPACT presentations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member in my community | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Committee-Community,State |

County Extension

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crop Improvement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weed Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Workshops/Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camps | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships/Donations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Losing these NDSU-Extension services would directly affect me by:

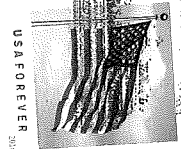
As a livestock producer this is a valuable resource

Ag & Natural Resources

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NDSU Apps/ NDAWN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetigs & Workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Gardener Programs or Trials | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Business/Mgmt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Home Garden & Horticulture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crop/Livestock Economics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plant/Crop/Seed/ Forage Testing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grazing/Nutrition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manure/Nutrient Management | <input type="checkbox"/> State Soil Conservation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry/NDFS | <input type="checkbox"/> Video/Publications | |

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