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SBARE Stakeholder Written Testimony
NDSU-Ext. & ND Ag Experiment Stations
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VP Agricultural Affairs

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,

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Personal signature or anonymously

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farmer/Rancher	<input type="checkbox"/> Board or Committee Member-City, Township, County, State	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Resident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural Resident
<input type="checkbox"/> Education-Student, Teacher, Research, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Career	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ag Related Career	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Finance Career
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NDSU Impacts Me In These Areas:

(Check ALL that apply and add additional if needed)

Family & Consumer Sciences

Health/Nutrition Programs	Finance Programs
Staff	Million Hearts Campaign
Volunteer	Family Programs
Succession Planning	Food Safety Programs

Community Vitality

Leadership Workshop Participant ✓	ND Historical Society
Agri-Tourism	Rural Leadership ND
Local Business Owner ✓	IMPACT presentations
Board Member in my community ✓	Planning Committee-Community, State

County Extension

Crop Improvement ✓	Weed Program ✓
Staff	Volunteer
Advisory Committee	Grants ✓
Local Workshops/Projects ✓	

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Camps	Staff
Parent ✓	Leader
Volunteer	Ambassador
Member	Project Days ✓
Alumni	Scholarships/Donations
Foundation	

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

Please consider the importance of our most important resource, our soil. We need to continue to educate our youth and farmers and ranchers on the best way to protect and use the land.

Cutting a education system could be more expensive than we could afford.

Jeff Caldwell

Ag & Natural Resources

NDSU Apps/ NDAWN	Disaster Information	Meetings & Workshops ✓
Energy Programs	Master Gardener Programs or Trials	Farm Business/Mgmt ✓
Community/Home Garden & Horticulture	Crop/Livestock Economics	Plant/Crop/Seed/ Forage Testing
Grazing/Nutrition	Manure/Nutrient Management	State Soil Conservation Committee
Grants	Research Centers ✓	Cover Crops ✓
Forestry/NDFS ✓	Video/Publications	