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,

[Signature]

X Farmer/Rancher

Board or Committee Member-City, Township, County, State

Community Resident

X Rural Resident

Education-Student, Teacher, Research, etc.

Transportation Career

X Ag Related Career

Business/Finance Career

Governement-City, State, County, Federal
NDSU Impacts Me In These Areas:
(Choose ALL that apply and add additional if needed)

**Family & Consumer Sciences**
- [ ] Health/Nutrition Programs
- [X] Volunteer
- [X] Succession Planning
- [ ] Food Safety Programs

**Community Vitality**
- [ ] Leadership Workshop Participant
- [ ] Agri-Tourism
- [ ] Rural Leadership ND
- [ ] Million Hearts Campaign
- [ ] Local Business Owner
- [ ] IMPACT presentations
- [ ] Board Member in my community
- [ ] Planning Committee-Community State

**County Extension**
- [X] Weed Program
- [X] Staff
- [X] Volunteer
- [ ] Advisory Committee
- [X] Grants
- [X] Local Workshops/Projects

**4-H**
- [ ] Camps
- [X] Parent
- [X] Leader
- [X] Volunteer
- [X] Member
- [X] Project Days
- [X] Alumni
- [ ] Scholarships/Donations
- [ ] Foundation

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

- "My family and I use Pembina County Extension weekly - may it be for 4-H, tree questions, Annie's project, State Soil Conservation Committee from a far. The loss of knowledge and information would be detrimental to rural areas. The knowledge and services NDSU provides is like any other and very important to future generations."