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SBARE NDSU Dept 7520
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Dear SBARE,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Logan County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors concerning budget cuts that many affect our local NDSU Extension Service. Like most Soil Conservation Districts, we work closely with our County Extension Services by implementing numerous programs with their partnerships. We not only rely on their expertise, but so do our landowners. Our SCD Board considers the Extension Office to be a valuable advisory partner during our monthly Board Meetings.

Programs, services, meetings, information, and workshops that our local NDSU County Extension Office administers to our county and is a viable part of our life here are as follows:

- Health/Nutrition Programs
- Food Safety Programs
- Financial Programs
- ND Historical Society
- Rural Leadership ND
- Crop Improvement
- Weed Program
- Local Workshops/Projects
- 4-H Programs
- Master Gardener Programs
- Farm Business Management
- Community/Home Garden & Horticulture
- Crop/Livestock Economics
- Plant/Crop/Seed Forage Testing
- Grazing/Nutrition
- Manure/Nutrient Management
- Cover Crops
- Research Centers
- Videos/Publications

As a county and a state, we CANNOT afford to lose any of these programs and the employees who implement them. Too many people here in Logan County depend on these informational programs and services. Without this organization working to educate our community, these educational opportunities would not be possible.

Budget cuts are inevitable, but North Dakota is a grass roots 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 generation, as well as the current, on all possibilities in the Ag and rural community sectors. The scope of duties the Extension encompasses is untouchable by any other organization and they need to be there for all the

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great partnerships they have formed. Without them, many other organizations longevity will be in the air as well.

We 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 state.

Sincerely,

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