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SBARE input on NDSU-Extension

As a county board tied to agriculture and natural resources, we would like to express our concern on the direction of NDSU Extension Service and ND Ag Experiment Stations. Like most county SCDs, we are very close and active with our county extension. Over the past few years we have implemented numerous programs and projects with their partnership. County Ag Day, Women on the Farm workshop, Progressive Ag Safety Day, cover crop projects, 4-H activities, community garden, and Special Assignment Pizza to name just a few. These events have brought education and awareness from youth to senior citizens. Without the 2 organizations working together utilizing funds, resources, and volunteers, these would not have been possible to start or continue.

On the state level we are very fortunate to have NDSU-Extension deliver our District Assistance Grant and have the State Soil Conservation Committee. That position has allowed the districts to operate and stay on track with all the information needed on the state level. Most recently, the development of the new Watershed Leadership Program, which the advisory committee includes our District Manager, will be implemented in 2018. This project will help the Districts retain and train good board members, staff, and 319 coordinators as well as reaching potential employees, our local water resource boards, and other county and federal staff such as NRCS. The Ag Experiment Stations provide us with data for our program deliverables and also to help implement new projects.

We need the NDSU-Extension to assist the SCDs on a local level as well as state. 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 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 sector. 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.

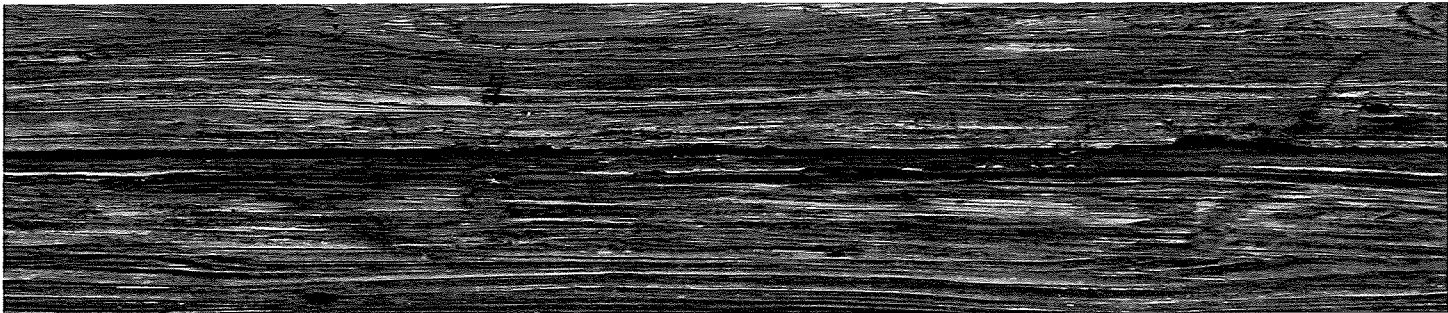
We ask that you recommend to the Legislature and the Governor that an investment in NDSU-Extension is an investment in ND rural communities, counties, and our great state.

Thank you,

Becky D. Myhra – District Clerk and
Richland County SCD Board

CONSERVATION – DEVELOPMENT – SELF-GOVERNMENT

All programs and services of the Richland Soil Conservation District are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or handicap.



December 5, 2017

SBARE Stakeholder Written Testimony
NDSU-Ext. & ND Ag Experiment Stations
NDSU
Dept 7520 PO Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108-6050

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.

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With much appreciation,

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Kelly Klosterman, Richland Soil Conservation Supervisor



Farmer/Rancher



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



Community Resident



Rural Resident

Education-Student,
Teacher, Research, etc.

Transportation Career



Ag Related Career

Business/Finance Career



Government-City,
State, County, Federal



NDSU Impacts Me In These Areas:

(Check ALL that apply and add additional if needed)

Family & Consumer Sciences

Community Vitality

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Workshop Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> ND Historical Society
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agri-Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural Leadership ND
<input checked="" 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

4-H

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

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

Losing the services of NDSU would really hurt our county we use alot of them on a daily basis. Please keep these services and all the wonderful people.
Thank you!

Ag & Natural Resources

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NDSU Apps/ NDAWN	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meetigs & Workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master Gardener Programs or Trials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farm Business/Mgnt
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Soil Conservation Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Grants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research Centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry/NDFS	<input type="checkbox"/> Video/Publications	