Dear Sirs:

It has recently been brought to my attention that the direction of the NDSU Extension and ND Ag Experiment stations are under the microscope as far as funding goes.

I would just like to point out that as the official Logan County newspaper we too have experienced and witnessed cuts in funding, but we continue to provide what we believe to be a much needed service, that of being a public information outlet. A public information outlet is an aspect which I consider the local Extension Service to be to the residents of Logan County.

The local offices have been providing the much needed non biased, research based findings to all residents, be it rural or city folks, for years. These same folks, from young to old, have come to know and trust their local agents. The local agents have become known to be a source and wealth of information.

I could go on to list the many activities which the local agents lend their expertise and talents, but the most beneficial aspect is the fact that these folks are local. They live in and support our rural communities, hoping to make them better places for all. I believe this is just one aspect of the big picture of the Governor’s Main Street initiative program - we need to continue to make our rural communities better.

Let’s work to keep things which seem to be working in place and let’s build upon them in hopes of making our great rural communities even better.

As a small business owner I would like to recommend that SBARE recommend to the Legislature and the Governor that an investment in NDSU Extension is an investment in ND, and all the people in our great state.

Sincerely,

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