Dennis Johnson and To Whom It May Concern,

The Ramsey County SCD Board would like to express our concern on the direction of NDSU Extension Service and North Dakota Ag Research Stations. We understand that budget cuts are inevitable, however the Extension Service is a boots on the ground education network. We are lucky to have a land grant university that provides information and resources to the rural Ag communities on a variety levels. Teaching the next generations, as well as the current, on all the possibilities in the Ag and rural community sectors. The scope of programs that the 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 will be in the air as well.

Below are ways that NDSU-Extension has reached us and our community, currently and in the past. You will see that for our district, along with many others, the impact of the Extension Services reaches more than a single area. As a state, we cannot afford to lose many of these programs and the employees that implement them.

**We ask that you remember, an investment in the NDSU-Extension is an investment in ND rural communities, counties, and our great state.**

**NDSU Impacts The Following:**

- Farmers/Ranchers
- 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, and Federal
- Health/Nutrition Programs
- Finance Programs
- Volunteer Work
- Succession Planning
- Leadership Workshop
- IMPACT presentations
- Crop Improvement
- Weed Program
- Grants
- Advisory Committee
- Camps
- Students
- Scholarships
- NDAWN
Farm Business/Management
• Crop and Livestock Economics
• Nutrient Management
• Cover Crops
• Research Centers
• Plant/Crop/Seed Testing
• Meetings and Workshops
• Publications

With much appreciation,
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