

## North Dakota Grain Growers Association Testimony in Support of SB 2345, Section 1, subsection 34 Senate Appropriations Committee November 8, 2021

Chairman Holmberg, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engages in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I am providing testimony for you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of SB 2345, Section 1, subsection 34, which awards grants to eligible fuel production facilities which considers the facility's facility loan guarantee at the Bank of North Dakota.

Fuel production is a key value-added component for North Dakota agriculture. Enhancing the fuel production industry's ability to further advance fuel production in the state by freeing up industry's capital will pay dividends not only for North Dakota agriculture but for North Dakota consumers as well. With margins getting tighter in the fuel production industry SB 2345, Section 1, subsection 34, will encourage more investment in the North Dakota fuel industry, will substantially place more dollars in farmer's pockets that will ultimately reach North Dakota main streets which is a win-win-win for all concerned.

Therefore the North Dakota Grain Growers Association would respectfully request that the Senate Appropriations Committee give its favorable recommendation to SB 2345, Section 1, subsection 34, and the Association would hope that the full Senate would concur.