

I am writing in support of the capital project at NCREC to build a new seed storage facility.

NCREC is a hub for many wheat varieties, some of which are the only seed lot of a particular variety. Secure storage should be a top priority to protect this valuable asset. The current facility has simply reached the end of its lifespan and will continue to be a net drain on funds to limp it by any further.

Some of the problems the staff is continuing to deal with include; floor heaves, rodents and pests, roof water leakage, accessibility issues, foundation erosion, air quality, and seed contamination. I believe that North Dakota is very important as a strong and focused leader in many areas.

Strong NDSU foundation seed is near the top of that list if not at the top. We should be supporting this with top tier equipment in a top tier facility that is also safe and efficient.

Regards,  
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