

Dear SBARE Chair and Board Members,

Thank you for taking time to review stakeholder input as you make plans for the next legislative session. One thing I feel is missing from Western North Dakota is a Horticulturist. Funding a Horticulturist for this side of the state would provide support to the Master Gardeners of Western North Dakota and bring valuable education and diagnostic skills to our residents. As a resident of Dickinson I have watched the NDSU Research Extension Center grow their agronomy program, which has benefited our farmers and ranchers, and I believe a Horticulturist would complement the research and education being done at this station.

With gratitude,
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