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Attn: Pam Gulleeson, Chairman

I would like to express my support for continued state funding for the NDAWN program. Many farmers and ranchers utilize the weather data from NDAWN on a frequent basis to make the management decisions for their operations. In a time where commodity prices are struggling it is important that NDAWN continues to provide farmers with reliable data. Information obtained from NDAWN is valuable to our farmers in many ways.

Substantiating Weather Events – in a world where modeling weather patterns seems to be the norm, it is imperative that we have hard data (as well as recorded history) at numerous sites of wind speed and direction, air and soil temperature, rainfall amounts and other data to make analytical decisions on crop development and yield predictions today and into the future for our farmers.

Reporting Crop Claims – The need for crop insurance is extremely important to our area farmers as inflation drives prices and commodity prices struggle with the geopolitical landscape. NDAWN provides our farmers with a reliable non bias source of information to help substantiate claims that may arise from weather events impacting crops.

Pesticide Applications – Understanding wind speed and wind direction are crucial to mitigate drift to adjacent crops. As farming operations expand, the need to determine wind speed and direction prior to making the drive to a location, allows growers to be more efficient with their time and assets.

GDD Tracking – many growers are watching GDD's on NDAWN to determine corn maturity and help them determine if or how much propane is needed before corn harvest starts.

I feel that NDAWN is and will continue to be an important tool for the everyone in the state, and I believe that NDAWN should be properly funded by the State of ND to ensure its continued benefits today and into the future.

Regards,
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