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State Board of Agricultural Research and Education:

We heard that the Lord and Burnham Greenhouse was going to be demolished and not replaced. This is a huge concern to us for many reasons. Not only will this affect the beauty of campus, but more importantly have an impact on important research that is currently done within the greenhouse.

With global warming continuing at an alarm rate, it is critical to have trees that are disease resistant and bred for our climate. It's also important that research continue for the development of value-added fruit and vegetable crops. North Dakota is an agricultural state and education is key to continuing to produce the best products in the most efficient way. Removing the current greenhouse and not replacing it would greatly diminish all the great work that is currently being done. It would affect our state detrimentally for years to come.

We urge the board to fund a replacement for Waldon Hall, which is quite old, and to include both research space for horticulture as well as a greenhouse.

Thank you for your consideration.

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