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Attached is a letter of support for the NDSU Horticulture Greenhouse facilities. I am sending a hard copy by USPS of this information.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear SBARE Members

I am an alum of NDSU, Master Gardener and plant breeder for over 20 years in private industry. In the past, I served on the committee which supported funding for the AES-Research Greenhouse expansion. I understand the importance of Greenhouse facilities in breeding and how they support field work including field research trials. University staff need Greenhouse facilities to be able to accomplish their tasks in an effective manner.

I heard the NDSU Horticulture Greenhouse is planned for demolition. I was involved in research in these Greenhouse facilities and in Waldron Hall during my student years at NDSU. As these Greenhouse facilities are removed, I support:

- adding Greenhouse facilities to the project to replace Waldron Hall
- support funding for Horticulture through the initiative Food Security and Outdoor Space

Research staff need Greenhouse facilities to accomplish their tasks in an effective manner, to be a valuable Research and Extension resource to the community and state and support training of Horticulture students.

NDSU Horticulture is important to the state and community through identifying cultivars that perform well in the area through the Horticulture Research and Demonstration Gardens including the All-America Selections bedding research trials. I drive through the area many days and stop multiple times during the spring and summer to see how specific cultivars do in our challenging climate. I see many people walking through the area and taking family and special event photos (graduation and wedding).

The NDSU Horticulture breeding programs, like tree breeding, rely on Greenhouse facilities to accomplish their work. The Greenhouse facilities support training in Greenhouse crop production and research as well as the ability to develop value-added fruit and vegetable crops for the region. The NDSU Horticulture program will be at risk without Greenhouse facilities which are important to many aspects of Horticulture.

Adding new Greenhouse facilities and providing funding support will allow the NDSU Horticulture program to maintain its important role in supporting the changing demands for food and ornamental plants in North Dakota and provide training for students in this critical area of food production.



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