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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the NDSU Horticulture program.

I have been a Master Gardener for over 20 years. In that time I have learned more about how to care for plants and native plant species than I had before becoming a Master Gardener.

I have access to education on best gardening practices and have changed how I garden due to this education.

I have also helped many people over the years through conversation and helping to also give back to my community. I feel through this program that I have some confidence to help others in their gardening.

During the pandemic I have been able to give food to the food shelter through the Master Gardener program.

I have taken part in many vegetable trials. In having done this I have been able to provide food to the food shelter.

What the horticulture programs and greenhouses bring to the community is essential in how we move forward with plants of all varieties- through understanding of varieties of drought resistant plants, native plants, pollinator gardens, fruits, and how to manage pests.

I support legislative funding of operating funds for horticulture through an initiative called Food Security and Outdoor Space

Respectfully,
Jodi Peterson