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Hello to The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education(SBARE),
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I am writing in my concerns about future Horticultural Research and Extension at NDSU. We are at a changing time. Our weather is changing, the last few years do not follow any traditional weather events. As someone who has worked with plants over 30 years, I can attest to the fact that we cannot grow plants like we use too. One example is the increase high humidity days we have had. This has led to more diseases effecting Black Hill Spruce. Do you know a good substitution? I don't. You should support work that can help your constituents find plants that are well-adopted for your climate.

Trees are important in the health of our society. Do you know health cost are lower when you have shade? Your parking lots and roads last longer if they have shade. Who is going to be on watch to help find the trees that grow well in North Dakota?

Horticulture is local. No one but North Dakota can do the research and understand how your environment is changing. Your local growing conditions are so different than where most horticultural crops are being grown. Your support of Horticulture will help with local sustainable food. Drought, earthquakes, and high freight cost are all reasons not to depend on California for your healthy vegetables.

Our industry needs young people to be exposed to the great jobs and careers they could have locally. Local production needs strong support as it adapts to the changing world. Demand for local product is not only on the rise but can be very sustainable for North Dakota.

Please support funds for greenhouses at Waldron Hall. This will allow research that will benefit your constituents locally with wellness benefits that need to be addressed now.

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