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Subject: SBARE testimony for SCDs

SBARE,

Thank you for your time and energy spent serving the North Dakota agriculture industry.

Our ranch has worked locally with our Soil Conservation District on multiple projects. A number of years ago we started a five year EQIP contract that allowed us to work hand in hand with our SCD to install livestock water pipeline and seed perennial grasses for our grazing system.

In the years following the pipeline installation we have been ever so grateful to have a grazing system in place that helps make our ranch more resilient and enables us to still have livestock thrive under many variables and circumstances. The water tanks we plumbed for cattle to drink out of and exclusion fences to keep cattle out of waterways has kept us sustainable and lifted many worries even during multiple years of drought.

In the coming years we plan on doing some shelterbelt renovations and will continue to rely on our SCD for these service offerings. We know that in a county where tax dollars can be limiting for their daily operations our SCD relies on these services to keep them afloat. Our NRCS office also relies on SCD employees as a steady and reliable contributor to the heavy workload their office faces with limited NRCS staff.

We are happy to have our tax dollars at work supporting the SCD staff and their efforts to get conservation on the ground in Benson county ND. Thank you for your continued support of the Soil Conservation Districts across the state!

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