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North Dakota Nursery, Greenhouse and Landscape Association (NDNGLA) promotes and advocates horticulture and brings owners and operators of nurseries, greenhouses and landscape businesses together through conferences, trade shows, events and newsletters.

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Members of SBARE:

On behalf of our 250 members in the nursery, greenhouse and landscaping businesses, this letter seeks to share with the members of the ND State Board of Agricultural Research & Education (SBARE) our thoughts regarding how NDSU & the ND Ag Experiment Center should address critical state needs for the 2025 legislative session.

I know many of my members are concerned about Emerald Ash Borer next door in Moorhead and western MN. The Woody Plant Research at NDSU is critical to increase plant diversity for ND businesses and consumers. Our nursery, greenhouse and landscape companies utilize various woody plants in their work but often are unsure which plants can best handle the unique climate of harsh drying winds and extreme cold along with alkaline soils of North Dakota. NDSU Research is extremely important to our members.

I hope you'll also be open to additional funds for the greenhouses at NDSU as project costs may go higher than estimated. The greenhouses are necessary for the education of the horticulture students to give them the practical application of what they are learning in the classroom.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if there is additional information I can provide. Have a great 2024!

Sincerely,

Gloria Vande Brake

Executive Director