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Dear State Board of Agricultural Research and Education,

I have been a Master Gardener since 2014. During my MG training, I became cognizant of the Horticulture Extension program in Cass County, Esther McGinnis at the state level, and the NDSU Horticulture program. First, my hours of Master Gardener training through them was and continues to be extremely valuable to me and has changed my gardening techniques that I learned from my mother in the 1950s, who learned them from her mother in the 1930s. Second, this horticultural information is shared with friends and neighbors. Finally, because of an increase in vegetable production I have been able to donate over a ton of fruits and vegetables to the Fargo Food Pantry. My training has had a positive impact in Cass County.

I have heard that the NDSU horticulture greenhouse is slated to be demolished. Lose of this greenhouse would drastically effect science-based horticultural practices in North Dakota's unique biome and hurt NDSU's horticulture program.

A few of the programs that would no longer function include the following:

1. The All-America Selection bedding plant trials,
2. Todd West's tree breeding and selection program for our region,
3. Chiwon Lee's students greenhouse experiences,
4. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti's research and development of value-added fruit and vegetable crops for the region,
5. And the viability of NDSU's horticulture program.

Due to these reasons and more, I am asking you to add horticultural greenhouses and horticultural space to the replacement for Waldron Hall to allow NDSU's horticulture research, horticulture program, and the Horticulture Extension service to continue.

I also request that the legislature provide operating funds for horticulture through the Food Security and Outdoor Space initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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