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To: Members of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education

As a Master Gardener Diagnostician, I provide assistance to home gardeners by answering questions through Ask Extension and the Cass County Extension service. I can observe first hand, the growing need for more horticultural resources not less.

We are all dealing with supply chain issues including high fuel/freight costs, more recalls on produce due to food safety issues, concern for the health of the trees and other landscaping that provide not only beauty, but also so many environmental benefits.

Horticultural services at NDSU have positively impacted the population of North Dakota and our neighbors from the apartment dweller with a few plants on the patio to produce growers who provide healthy, local fruits and vegetables for individuals and small business such as our wonderful local wineries.

Demolishing and not replacing the Lord and Burnham South Horticultural Greenhouse at NDSU takes away a key facility for continuing research and progress in the field of horticulture. Adding greenhouses to the replacement for Waldron Hall will allow for horticultural research to continue.

I also support legislative funding for the Food Security and Outdoor Space initiative.

Thank you for continuing to help North Dakota be a beautiful, creative, and healthy place to live.

Sincerely,  
Lila Hlebichuk  
NDSU Extension Master Gardener/Diagnostician