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Top whom this may concern:

I have been made aware that NDSU's Lord and Burnham Greenhouse may be demolished and not replaced. I would like you to reconsider this, as it is an important part of the strength of NDSU's academic work and possibly impacting its academic credentials.

NDSU's horticulture department adds value to our state. The Lord and Burnham Greenhouse is an integral part of that department for students and faculty, particularly involving research at the collegiate level. It will weaken the academic work, making the horticulture program less viable. The research on crop production, trees, vegetables and fruits that are pertinent to our northern climate is invaluable. The greenhouse is a necessary requirement for that to continue. The plants around NDSU are started there. The research on Proven Winners and other are of interest to this community and the state.

In addition, NDSU is the home of ND Extension horticulture. Many projects stem from the initial work done at the greenhouse. The Gardens at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street North draw many from the community. While working on the beds for my Master Gardener requirements, I have seen and talked to many who are seeking ideas for their yards, checking out the carefully labeled plants, or seeking solace in this peaceful place. There has never been a time where I was alone while working there. NDSU Extension continues to build and strengthen the Master Gardener Program for our state. These participants help ND Extension Agents. The projects from the greenhouse supports this Extension service.

Losing a greenhouse will impact the entire horticulture and extension programs, literally impacting their heart and soul. On the State Board of Agricultural Research website, <https://www.ndsu.edu/vpag/sbare/>, the following are listed:

- NDSU Agriculture
- NDSU Agricultural Experiment Station
- NDSU Extension
- NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources

This supports that these departments are some of the main parts of SBARE. The NDSU greenhouse is an integral part of these.

Please replace the demolished Lord and Burnham Greenhouse to strengthen NDSU's academic horticultural work.

Sincerely,  
Kristi Marks