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To whom it may concern,

My name is Bob Amstrup sales manager for Photosyntech LLC. We are a company that sells foundation & registered seed to distributors in North Dakota.

I am writing this letter in support of state funding for a new seed conditioning facility at the Langdon REC. We have contracted with the REC to increase and maintain a variety of foundation yellow field pea this year. They have done a superb job in this regard.

However, the conditioning of the seed that was produced had to be accomplished at a private certified seed company. This was due to the fact that the Langdon REC conditioning equipment is so antiquated that it would damage this very fragile seed. This is an awkward arrangement for my company in many regards.

For example, the plant breeders we work with frown on such an arrangement. We obviously would prefer to have our seed conditioned by the REC.

Therefore, I strongly urge the state legislature to provide funding for a modern conditioning plant at the Langdon REC.

Best Regards,
Bob Amstrup