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Letter of Support for NDAWN

Advocating for the North Dakota Agriculture Weather Network

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State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
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Dear Members of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education,
We are thrilled to express our enthusiastic and heartfelt support for the ongoing funding and development of the North Dakota Agriculture Weather Network (NDAWN)! This remarkable network is not just beneficial to the residents of the Devils Lake Basin but is essential for the entire state of North Dakota.

NDAWN has truly become an invaluable asset to our agricultural community, providing real-time weather data, historical records, and predictive insights that are critical for informed decision-making. Farmers, ranchers, researchers, and agribusiness professionals depend on NDAWN's extensive data to optimize planting, spraying, and harvesting schedules. It's incredible how this resource helps manage irrigation, anticipate pest and disease outbreaks, and safeguard their operations. The accuracy and accessibility of NDAWN's information empower our community to increase yields, reduce risks, and support sustainable agricultural practices.

In the Devils Lake Basin specifically, NDAWN's localized weather stations provide crucial data to address the region's unique challenges. Given the basin's susceptibility to flooding, unpredictable weather patterns, and climate change, having reliable weather information is vital for both immediate responses and long-term planning. NDAWN's resources not only assist individual producers but also empower community leaders, researchers, and policymakers dedicated to enhancing the area's agricultural viability.

On a statewide level, NDAWN promotes collaboration among academic institutions, government agencies, and industry stakeholders. Its comprehensive dataset is foundational for research initiatives, educational outreach, and extension programming. The impact of this network extends beyond agriculture, supporting emergency management, water resource planning, and public safety efforts throughout North Dakota.

It is crucial to continue supporting and advancing NDAWN to ensure North Dakota remains a leader in agricultural innovation and resilience. We wholeheartedly urge the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education to prioritize funding for NDAWN and to recognize its transformative impact on our region and state.

Thank you for considering this important matter and for your unwavering commitment to the prosperity of North Dakota's agricultural community!

Sincerely,
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