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Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

My name is Kayla Pulvermacher; I am testifying on behalf of the members of North Dakota Farmers Union. We support SB 2020.

We urge the North Dakota Legislature and the Governor to support the funding of agricultural research. Recognizing the adverse economic condition the state is currently in, we agree that enhancements to the budget are not possible; however, we do respectfully ask for the committee to restore the 10 percent budget to 2015 to '17 original appropriations.

Agricultural research is vital for the industry. According to an NDSU study done 2 years ago, the return on investment for agricultural research is huge: \$25 of return for every one dollar invested. This investment helps to combat crop and animal diseases, create better plant breeds, and to find new crops that will help North Dakota's producers diversify.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, Mr. Chairman. I can take any questions you may have.

