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Dr. Dubcovsky:

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), its member states and state wheat organizations across the country are pleased to support your USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant proposal entitled "Improving barley and wheat germplasm for changing environments". These efforts to improve breeding for a changing climate and train new plant breeders will improve global food security while improving grain yield and quality.

NAWG was formed in 1950 to work toward common solutions and make decisions for the future of America's wheat producers. Since its founding, NAWG's work has been focused on the policies of the U.S. government and industry that affect the livelihoods of U.S. wheat producers. Today we represent growers who are members of 21 affiliated state wheat growing organizations.

Wheat research is one area where we have partners across the country in state wheat boards and our commission partners. Together, we support efforts to improve field evaluation systems for selecting for disease resistance, nitrogen use efficiency and drought tolerance in wheat. The goals of new gene discovery, high-throughput genotyping, improved databases and training of graduate students will benefit the grain industry through improved efficiency in breeding and make our food chain better able to respond to global climate change.

We look forward to the results of this research and anticipate the regular updates of information on the work. We also look forward to working with you to distribute research information from the project to the wheat growers of the United States.

Best wishes for success in your research efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry McReynolds", written in a cursive style.

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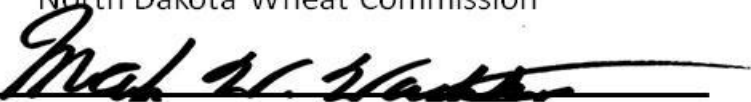
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