

June 23, 2016

Political Subdivision Tax Committee  
Chairman Rep. Jason Dockter  
Legislative Council  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

RE: Soybean & Canola Crush Tax Credit Economic Development Incentive

Dear Chairman Dockter and Committee Members,

We are the North Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC (ND SP) a new entity created by soybean farmers for the purposes of owning and operating a soybean crush plant in North Dakota that will produce biodiesel and meal for livestock. Once built the plant will crush approximately 43 million bushels per year which is approximately 20% of current North Dakota soybean production. The plant will also purchase an additional \$25-30 million/year in goods beyond the beans it purchases, it will employ about 50 people, and improve the basis level of soybeans in the local market by \$.10/bushel. All of which will generate massive benefit for local soybean producers and the North Dakota economy.

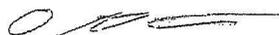
The initial feasibility study into the viability of a dedicated soybean crush plant in North Dakota has been extremely positive due to the rapid increase in soybean acres within the state which are now upwards of 6,000,000 acres in 2016. Currently almost all North Dakota soybeans being crushed have to be shipped out of state causing North Dakotan's to lose out on millions of dollars in potential revenue. In order for North Dakota to capture more of the economic benefit from the commodities produced it's important to create new value added opportunities and this plant will do exactly that.

The Soybean and Canola Crushing Tax Credit is extremely important to the success of this soybean crush plant and North Dakota's agricultural economy so we urge you to reject any proposal that would eliminate these tax credits.

Sincerely,



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