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To: Dickinson County Water Quality Commission
Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District
3302 18th St., Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Subject: Letter of support and commitment to proposed project, "Conservation Agriculture Practices to Improve Water Quality"

Dear Water Quality Commissioners,

I am writing to document The Nature Conservancy in Iowa's support of NIASA's proposal to the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission's Grant Program for 2025. The Nature Conservancy is familiar with the proposal, understands general expectations, and supports the efforts to address water quality concerns by providing cash match for activities outlined in the proposal.

The Nature Conservancy is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve the lands and waters upon which all life depends. We are committed to restoring and protecting the water quality and ecosystem health of the Little Sioux River Watershed and are specifically working in Iowa on soil health and water quality efforts.

NIASA's proposal will provide much needed financial and technical assistance to help farmers adopt conservation practices that will benefit water, soil, and overall resilience in our agricultural systems. TNC looks forward to further collaboration with NIASA around this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paige Frautschy".

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