



**Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club, PO Box 221, Fergus Falls MN 56537**

March 21, 2022

Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen

Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee

**Re: SF 3020 (Ingebrigtsen) Conservation Reserve Program appropriation to provide state incentives.**

Chair Ingebrigtsen and Committee Members:

On behalf of the members of the Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club, thank you for the opportunity to share our support for SF 3020 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) appropriation to provide state incentive funding for those enrolling or re-enrolling in CRP.

Since launching with the 1985 Farm Bill, CRP has become one of our nation's most important tools for initiation conservation practices on privately held properties. By protecting fragile and environmentally sensitive lands the CRP provides substantial benefits by protecting highly erodible soils, improving water quality, enhancing wildlife populations, providing pollinator forage habitat, sequestering carbon in soil and enhancing soil productivity. CRP rental payments also offers participants a stable source of revenue for enrolled highly erodible land as well as providing a variety of societal benefits.

Again, the Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club appreciate this chance to offer our support to move this Bill forward.

Yours in conservation,

Mick Siems  
President  
Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club