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Steven C. Johnson
Representative, 108th District

Members of the Tax Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2381 to address the needs of the Land Institute to continue their efforts to lead research and development of crops and conservation.

Touring their current facilities, you will see industry leading work to develop perennial crops to feed the world. The benefits of perennial crops are many. Farmers would not have to plant each year, and it would eliminate the need for tillage work. Having an established stand of plants would greatly reduce issues of erosion from both wind or rainfall at all times of the year. The list of benefits is long.

The Land Institute has several efforts underway to improve sustainability and conservation in agriculture. However, the results of plant breeding and development are not easy or immediate. It does require great expertise and investment, just as research does at our agricultural universities. While the Land Institute does work with, support and lead efforts with the universities, they do not enjoy the same tax protection that helps with the cost of research.

This bill would enable a building project by allowing a sales tax exemption for the Land Institute for their next needed improvement.

We know the magnitude of the task to balance the budget and be consistent in revenue policies. We ask for your consideration of HB 2381 to enable investment and further the success of the Land Institute research initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven C. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Steven C. Johnson

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