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March 5, 2021

Appropriations Committee  
North Dakota House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders Association to support Senate Bill 2019.

Continued career and technical education is important and vital to the home building industry. They are the premiere college-and career readiness programs, that provide both technical training and hands-on learning experiences for students to practice and develop cross-cutting skills that all employers value. These grants and funds will provide education for our trades so that our economy and the building industry in the Bismarck-Mandan market can continue to thrive.

Providing financial support and resources for trade education is crucial to a successful building industry. We currently have 300 members that are part of our local association in Burleigh and Morton counties that support career and trade education. We have also started a professional women in building council with over 40 women that make up the building industry here in Bismarck/Mandan. These women come from all different backgrounds in building. Some are electricians, builders, remodelers and designers. Trade education has provided the tools and resources that they need to succeed in their current careers.

In order for our industry to keep moving in the right direction, we need SB 2019 to pass so that we can continue to strengthen our career and technical education so that our economy and our building industry in ND can continue to be successful.

We urge you to support SB 2019.

*Dawn Watson*

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