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Chairman Vigessa and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of SB 2014. My name is Kim Schneider and I represent the North Dakota Association of Builders. Proudly, we have around 2,000 members from across the state with local associations in Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Bismarck-Mandan, Dickinson, and Williston.

Our home building industry genuinely believes in the American Dream of owning your own home. Affordability is often a word that is used when it comes to being able to accomplish this dream and the HIF helps to do just that for many in our communities by supporting an increase in availability of affordable housing options. In return, supporting our communities with affordable housing has long term positive effects in strengthening local economies, job opportunities, and a positive overall tool for community development.

The NDAB asks for your support in acknowledging the importance of the HIF and the positive impact it brings to our North Dakota communities and residents in being able to be proud homeowners. We do support SB 2014 and the \$15M appropriated for the HIF.

We appreciate the support and continued partnership,

Kim Schneider
Chief Executive Officer
North Dakota Association of Builders