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Good morning Chairman Owens and members of the House Education Committee. My name is Alexis Baxley, and I serve as the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association. NDSBA represents the elected school boards of all 175 public school districts and several special education units in North Dakota.

North Dakota School Boards Association is here today in support of SB 2147. We believe the ability to use passing GED scores to meet graduation credit requirements will allow our districts to better serve some of our most at-risk students who may typically slip through the cracks.

In addition, we appreciate the local control that this bill provides. Allowing districts to opt in and choose what program criteria will work in their communities ensures the program will be able to do the most good for the most students.

It is for these reasons Mr. Chairman that we support SB 2147. I would be happy to stand for any questions.