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**HCR 3007**

**House Human Services Committee**

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**Testimony of Alexis Baxley**

Good morning Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services 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.

The North Dakota School Boards Association opposes HCR 3007. The immediate termination of the state of emergency and some of the corresponding executive orders issued by Governor Burgum would create significant problems for school districts across the state. Most notable is EO 2020-10, which allows virtual education to count towards student seat-time requirements. Without this, students participating in distance learning would not be able to be included in the calculations for state aid payments. We know many high-risk students and their families are not yet ready to return to in-person education.

NDSBA asks you to give HCR 2007 a do not pass recommendation. Thank you.