



To: House IBL

From: Katie Mastel, Government Affairs Manager, FMWF Chamber of Commerce

Date: March 9, 2021

RE: **Support SB 2073**

Chair Lefor, members of the Senate IBL Committee,

For the record my name is Katie Mastel and I serve as the Government Affairs & Advocacy Manager at the Fargo, Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce. Today, on behalf of our over 2,000 Chamber members, I'm speaking in **support of SB 2073**.

Over two-thirds of our Chamber membership are small businesses with less than 50 employees. Year after year, we hear from these small businesses the need for more affordable health insurance options. Through allowing associations to purchase a group policy for its members, small businesses would have access to similar savings and options such as an aggregate rate and family coverage, that many larger companies have through the large company health insurance market. Allowing for these businesses to band together can be a major cost-savings practice.

On behalf of our Chamber membership, we respectfully urge a **do pass on SB 2073**.

Thank you for your consideration.

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