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Chairman Schaible and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony. My name is Kim Schneider and I represent the North Dakota Association of Builders (NDAB). Our home building industry is proud to support a growing North Dakota and we are fueled by the talents of workers including electricians, plumbers, masons, carpenters, and the many trades that make up the construction industry. HB 1478 would provide the hands-on experiences that would help promote, recruit, and make aware to students the various career opportunities that are available to them.

With a growing workforce and a strong need for skilled workers, the NDAB is supportive of these opportunities that are critical not only to our industry, but also provides a career path for our citizens that includes job security and high wages. Our members continue to struggle with filling positions of skilled workers and believe that being able to show students the possibilities of the many career paths involved in the building industry will be vital to our industries future but is also a wonderful career opportunity that contributes to the high quality of life in North Dakota. HB 1478 supports our future workforce.

On behalf of the North Dakota Association of Builders and our 2,000 members across the state, we urge a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1478.

We appreciate the support and continued partnership,

Kim Schneider
Chief Executive Officer
North Dakota Association of Builders