

I'm Randy Schwan, and I am a Vice President at Trinity Health in Minot. I'm here to express support for SB2342 on behalf of our healthcare entity and as one of many employers because it could have a significant impact on workforce development in Minot and North Dakota.

Even prior to the global Covid 19 pandemic, Workforce Development was one of Trinity's strategic priorities. Today that priority has only intensified as worker shortages continue to threaten many businesses in ND.

Trinity Health wholeheartedly supports these community leaders and their vision for repurposing the downtown hospital facility - a building that has outgrown its capacity to serve as a modern hospital but could help boost the economy of the entire region through workforce training and support for businesses.

While Trinity's investment in this endeavor would include the building itself, we have the opportunity to leverage our collective investment for the greater good of the whole region and state.

We are excited about the potential to increase training opportunities in nursing and other clinical and non clinical, non-healthcare professions and seek your support of SB2342 to that end.