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Dear Representative Nathe,

Chairman, House Appropriations – Education and Environment Division

I am writing to express my strong support for the Department of Commerce Appropriations bill, SB 2018, which funds critical economic development programs in North Dakota. As the Founder and CEO of FlowCore Systems, I have directly benefited from the Legacy Investment for Technology (LIFT) Program, which has been instrumental in growing and expanding my business.

The funding provided through this program allowed me to:

- Hire 3 new employees including a mechanical engineer to expand our R&D program within our company
- Expand our operations by developing two new products that we are now marketing nationally and internationally.
- Increase our customer reach by partnering with other North Dakota business in ways that enhance our mutual goals.
- Develop new automation and measurement technology that we were able to incorporate into our new product development.

Without this support, it would have been significantly more challenging to develop the required technology to manufacture, market, and sell industry-leading automation equipment in the oil and gas industry. Programs like LIFT not only help individual businesses but also contribute to North Dakota's broader economic development by fostering innovation, job creation, and industry growth.

I urge you to support LIFT in SB 2018 to ensure businesses like mine continue to have access to the resources necessary for success. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you would like to discuss my experience further, please feel free to contact me at chuck@flowcoresystems.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Black".

Chuck Black

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