

**Written Testimony in Support of ND SB 2019**

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Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for ND SB 2019, which is crucial in sustaining and expanding the impact of CTE programs across North Dakota, particularly in our growing Williston Basin region.

As Director of the Williston Basin CTE, I have witnessed firsthand how the demand for skilled education and workforce development continues to rise alongside our expanding population. Our enrollment numbers and projections, as detailed in the attached spreadsheet, demonstrate the increasing need for funding and resources to meet student and industry demands.

CTE programs are vital in equipping students with hands-on skills that directly translate to workforce readiness, supporting not only individual success but also regional economic growth. The continued investment in CTE ensures that North Dakota remains competitive in attracting and retaining skilled professionals in high-demand industries. We built a beautiful new center, but need to receive the resources to keep it operating and functioning to its full potential.

I urge the committee to support SB 2019 and provide the necessary funding to sustain and grow these essential programs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenzi Brown

Director, Williston Basin CTE