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House Appropriations Committee- Education and Environment Division

North Dakota House of Representatives

Chairman Nathe and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Building Industry Association of the Red River Valley (formerly Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead) and our over 700 members, we would like to express our support of Senate Bill 2019.

Our members, which include those in the residential and commercial building industries, are consistently seeking skilled workers. As experienced tradespeople retire, it is critical to prepare the next generation with necessary skills. Career and Technical Education (CTE) is an important component of equipping young individuals with these skills and provides an avenue to explore career paths they might not have otherwise considered.

CTE centers and academies are particularly important in fostering a strong learning environment by providing tailored educational and hands-on experiences. These centers not only benefit the various industries that are being introduced to youth, but especially in the case of the building industry, it also benefits North Dakota's economy, workforce, and the ability to provide the housing we desperately need.

The Cass County Career Innovation Center in Fargo is scheduled to open in 2025, and we are eager to see it in operation. With millions of private and public investment, we are appreciative of all the efforts to support the project and CTE programming. However, we respectfully ask you to consider additional funding that is still needed to ensure the center's intended programming is fully realized. We strongly support CTE programming and centers across the state, and urge you to continue prioritizing this critical initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryce Johnson
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Adam Olson, Allstar Construction
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