

North Dakota Association of Builders

The North Dakota Association of Builders represents the professional building industry through legislation, information and education.



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Testimony in Support of SB 2019

House Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Committee
Chairman Mike Nathe

Chairman Nathe and Members of the House Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Committee,

My name is Brittney Roehrich and I'm the Chief Executive Officer for the North Dakota Association of Builders (NDAB). NDAB represents the professional building industry through legislation, information and education with 1,400 members statewide. We are also chartered with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

On behalf of NDAB, I submit this testimony in **support** of Senate Bill 2019.

The demand for workforce development has never been so immense. North Dakota faces a shortage of workforce with the skills and knowledge required to build, update, and maintain homes. North Dakota Career & Technical Education (CTE) Centers cultivate the functional skills and knowledge required to successfully build and diversify the housing inventory that North Dakota so desperately needs.

Workforce development is vital for the North Dakota economy and as new CTE Centers have been established in the past few years, funding is still limited for them to be fully operational and fully staffed.

In conclusion, the North Dakota Association of Builders urges the committee to **support** Senate Bill 2019 for continued and additional investment in the Department of Career and Technical Education.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working together to build a stronger, more resilient housing market for our state.

Respectfully submitted,

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