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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

North Dakota House of Representatives

Chairman Warrey 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 2239.

Our members, which include those in the residential and commercial building industries, are consistently seeking skilled workers. As experienced trades people retire, it is critical to prepare the next generation with necessary skills. Apprenticeships provide an excellent pathway for young individuals to gain hands-on experience while learning a trade.

The grant program proposed in SB 2239 would help make apprenticeship programs more accessible by assisting participants with the cost of their education, not only attracting more individuals to apprenticeships but also supporting retention, ensuring a steady stream of talent.

North Dakota is facing both a workforce and housing crisis. Trades such as plumbing, HVAC and electrical work, are essential to maintaining and expanding the infrastructure needed to support our growing communities. Investing in apprenticeship programs is a strategic move for building a stronger workforce and addressing these challenges.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully encourage a Do Pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

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