Testimony in support of HCR 3032, a measure to increase North Dakota's minimum wage and allow for an annual standard of living increase.

I believe this move will result in a positive economic outcome for our state, in that it will bring more potential employees to work and live here. It will also reduce our residents' reliance on public assistance. People become unnecessarily reliant on this assistance in the long term, when they cannot get a job that offers the income that assistance does.

I urge you to pass this bill to put us back into competition with other states who are offering residents and potential residents a living wage.

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