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## Testimony in support of HCR 3032

Our students and impoverished families are struggling. Without a set amount of pay by the hour, it becomes extremely difficult to live in this state. On behalf of SFLA I will outline 2 reasons why we urge a do pass.

- 1. Increased ecnomic participation and population. The set federal Minimum wage is 7.25 and of course other states can make their own. It just has to be higher than 7.25. We need to do the same. Imagine the possibilities. In a state like North Dakota, raising the minimum wage could prove crucial to living in this state. Not to mention the enhanced participation in the economy and sale of goods. This is another way to strengthen our communities to be Legendary! For our kids. So they can grow up in a good situation economically. No job should be allowed to pay so little.
- 2. Student jobs. When children work, they use that money for fun times, education, and much more. By increasing the minimum wage you'll help kids who work hourly paid jobs. The same kids who want to go to college, have enough funds for nationals, or get out in the world and participate. You're enhancing the youth and their education while giving them more opportunities. This will help put North Dakota in a better position to truly shine. It will help our youth change this state by getting their savings accounts ready for college. Finally, it will protect their opportunities. No one should have to drop out of a National Tournament because they cant pay. This is a real problem. We urge you to help!

We need to enhance this state and set our future. This is a worth while investment. The sponsor of this legislation is giving you that chance. So lets do it! If you have any questions please contact me. SFLA urges a Do Pass recommendation on this legislation. Thank you for all your hard work.

Carter Hass, President of Students For Legislative Action.

"This generation must have a voice"