

TESTIMONY OF

Captain Adam Dvorak, Support Services Commander

Good morning, Chairman Wanzek and members of the committee. My name is Adam Dvorak and I serve as the support services commander for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here to provide neutral testimony for HB 1487.

As mentioned by Supervisory Special Agent Lenertz, we have had struggles with finding suitable office space in Minot. Currently, we are in a short-term lease with our current landlord, which ends June 30th, 2025, and have had some struggles with the maintenance of the building.

Like BCI, we have explored other space in Minot and have not found anything acceptable due to cost and location.

As you are aware, having recently passed through this committee, the Highway Patrol Budget in SB2011, has funding for a lease rate increase in Minot. We will plan to work with our current landlord for significant improvements or to seek other space in the Minot area, which has been difficult to find. We continue to support the executive budget in the form passed through this committee.

The outcome of this bill will mold the direction we take from a long term perspective in our current lease, which may soon be negotiated for renewal.

This concludes my testimony. I will stand for any questions.