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Honorable Chairman Patten and Committee Members,

Applied Digital Corporation (Nasdaq: APLD) is a designer, builder and operator of next-generation digital infrastructure for High Performance Compute ("HPC") applications. Applied Digital has been active in North Dakota since 2021. We've greatly appreciated the collaborative spirit of the state and the opportunity to work with North Dakota employees, contractors, and local and state officials. Our facilities north of Jamestown and in Ellendale reflect the strong partnerships we've built. To date we have invested over \$1B in infrastructure in North Dakota and anticipate roughly \$4B more in the coming years.

As you are aware it is important to ensure that large loads such as data centers, manufacturing, ethanol plants, and others have access to a reliable grid. It is also important to ensure that these loads have either a net-neutral impact on the grid or a positive one. **As a result of our Ellendale project, MDU returned \$5.4 million to its North Dakota rate payers for our usage in 2023 and estimates that it will return \$14 million to its North Dakota rate payers for our usage in 2024.** This very positive outcome was the result of careful planning and consideration by many.

We are thankful for Representative Novak's leadership and desire to understand the impact of large loads on the grid and look forward to working with the interim committee to study how to help increase the positive outcomes of large loads on the grid while also helping to mitigate potential challenges that can possibly arise from these large loads.

We are aware of an amendment to the language and from what we have seen are supportive of such changes.

In the House, this bill passed 89 to 3, a very strong message of support.

We urge the committee to adopt the changes and advance HB1579 to help the legislature study the impacts of large loads on the grid.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me for further information. We look forward to continuing our partnership with North Dakota.

Sincerely,



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