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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Testimony Regarding Senate Bill 2170

1. North Dakota residents who serve as reservists in North Dakota reserve units contribute significantly to the state's economy, much like members of the National Guard. These reservists fulfill their military obligations and also maintain civilian employment in the state, supporting local businesses, industries, and communities. This dual contribution reinforces the critical role they play in enhancing the economic vitality of North Dakota.

2. The Army Reserve has a notable presence in North Dakota, along with reserve components from sister services. With 195 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers serving in six units at three facilities, the Army Reserve annually contributes \$23,445,425 in economic impact to the state. This includes supporting 256 non-Department of Defense (DoD) jobs, generating \$7,290,941 in non-DoD wages, and \$14,673,807 in direct spending. The total military payroll stands at \$5,459,562, with a civilian payroll of \$1,185,740. These substantial contributions of just one reserve component highlight the importance of reservists to North Dakota.

3. Reservists do not receive federal tuition assistance beyond what is available to members of the National Guard. Reservists offer many of the same benefits to the state's economy, as they represent a highly trained and disciplined workforce. Providing additional state education benefits to reservists would support their personal and professional development and contribute to the creation of a more educated workforce.

4. The Reserves offer unique Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) that are not always available within the National Guard. This distinction leaves some North Dakota residents facing a difficult choice between pursuing an MOS that aligns with their career aspirations and obtaining the additional education benefits offered by the state. This dilemma can negatively impact the workforce, as training in a career-aligned MOS provides significant advantages to employers seeking highly skilled and specialized employees.

5. This bill is not without precedent. West Virginia has implemented similar benefits for reservists, demonstrating a viable model for supporting these service members and enhancing the state's workforce simultaneously.

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