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Dear House Finance and Taxation Committee,

Chairman Headland and members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee, Family Policy Alliance of North Dakota would like to formally indicate its support of House Bill 1374. This past year has been a great hardship for our country, and indeed our state, trying to cope with the effects of COVID-19. To that end, Americans were given economic incentive payments from the federal government to help spur on the economy.

While we believe that increasing economic activity through payments to citizens was a good approach to “prime the pump” for renewed economic activity, anything that reduces those payments is counterproductive. We encourage you to grant North Dakotans a tax credit on these payments. We fully appreciate that it is a difficult year to balance the state budget, but effectively taking away part of the money already given to families as a stimulus is not the way to do it. For these reasons, we respectfully ask that you vote a DO PASS out of committee on HB1374.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Jorritsma".

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