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Chairman Senator Holmberg and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, as the Director of the Great Northwest Area Career and Technical Center, I want to express my support for SB 2019.

Our particular center is considered a virtual center as we offer most of our classes through the ITV system or online and we do not have a brick and mortar-type building. We offer classes all over the state of ND but concentrate in the NW corner of the state. As we work to help our area schools, I continue to keep career awareness at the top of our priorities in all we do.

Currently, we are implementing Golden Path Solutions (GPS), an online career tool for students, in our member schools to help increase student awareness of career exploration, as well as increase exposure to career opportunities and future job placements. We work with industries in our communities to create job shadowing opportunities, and also plan student and teacher field trips to connect area schools with local industry with the goal of increasing student employment opportunities. This benefits the industries in our communities and strengthens our communities as a whole.

Career awareness is key for students to determine their future paths and the earlier they can start planning and exploring the better chance they have at finding something they truly love. As a member of the 67th Legislative Assembly, you will have the opportunity to help us continue this work for our state's youth. Please consider a "yes" vote on SB 2019 to support adequate funding for the future of North Dakota.

Respectfully,
Kim Murphy, GNWACTC Director