

The North Dakota Rural Health Association's mission is to bring together diverse interests and provide a unified voice to promote and enhance the quality of rural health through leadership, advocacy, coalition building, education and communication.

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Dear Mr. Gibbens, Ms. Brinkman, and Ms. Andress,

As Executive Director of the North Dakota Rural Health Association (NDRHA), I want to acknowledge the NDRHA Board of Director's support of the North Dakota Area Health Education Centers and their programs that focus on providing support for health workforce, specifically the North Dakota HOSA program.

North Dakota HOSA, a program administered by the AHEC, is a valuable resource for high schoolers interested in health professions. The workforce development work that is conducted is a service to the state.

As many North Dakota health facilities are struggling with workforce shortages, the importance in having programs that promote those professions is vitally important.

Sincerely,

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