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Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Preston Messerschmidt and I live in New Salem, ND. I am one person who would positively be impacted by passage of Senate Bill 2301, which would help to take a stand for North Dakota workers.

First and foremost I am a proud member of the North Dakota National Guard, a commitment of service I consider a great honor. I am also a construction worker and for the last two years I have been forced to travel out of state to work on windfarm projects.

When I am working out of state and my National Guard weekend training happens I am driving back at my own expense to meet my commitment. I would love to stay in North Dakota near my family and be able to be home each evening.

This bill will help keep track of local hire and help make North Dakotans a priority in building projects.

I urge the committee to vote yes on SB2301 and help local workers.

Thank you,

Preston Messerschmidt