

NDSU

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Chairman Nathe and Members of the Committee: My name is Seth Lumley, and I am the Executive Commissioner of Legislative Affairs for North Dakota State University's Student Government. I would like to provide testimony in support of HB 1033 and to bring the perspective of NDSU students on HB 1033.

NDSU Student Government is an organization of students at NDSU elected and appointed to represent the interests of the NDSU student body both externally at places like the capitol and internally through our student senate. We are comprised of members from all academic colleges at North Dakota State University to ensure students from all majors and backgrounds have a voice. Our mission is to leave the university better than we arrived through ensuring that student perspectives are heard both on campus and here at the legislature.

Grants and scholarships make it possible for students in higher education to dedicate a much larger portion of their time to their studies than would otherwise be possible. Speaking from my own experience, grants and scholarships have allowed me to only need to seek part-time employment while attending NDSU. These grants and scholarships have played a direct hand in ensuring that I have the time and energy necessary to be the best student I can be and that I am as prepared as possible to enter the next chapter of my life after graduation. In speaking with current and recently graduated students across our state, it is clear to me that my experience is not unique. In short, I urge you to support HB 1033 to increase matching grants to students across the North Dakota University System to ensure North Dakota's students have the means necessary to equip themselves for the future. Thank you Chairman Nathe and Members of the Committee.