



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENTS TO HB 1012**

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Chairman Monson and Government Operations Appropriations Committee Members:

I write in support of the amendment to HB 1012 and encourage this committee to appropriate funds providing financial resources supporting the North Dakota short line railroads.

DMVW believes the short line railroads provide a valuable transportation resource for many businesses across North Dakota, serving customers with broader market access and as one of the key components of successful commerce within the state. Investing in short line rail systems helps to take large, heavy loads off of the highway system, and can encourage economic development along the rural areas adjacent to our track system.

Our company's mission is to provide quality transportation service to our client shippers; to provide a quality workplace environment for our employees; and to provide an adequate return for our stockholders. With your help, we can continue to support North Dakota citizens and businesses.

I'm happy to answer any questions.

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