

GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER SB 2009 **House Appropriations Committee Government Ops Division Chairman David Monson** March 2, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig with the Greater North Dakota Chamber. GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, with membership represented by small and large businesses, local chambers, and trade and industry associations across the state. We stand in support of Senate Bill 2009 as it relates to the Biosciences Innovation Grant program.

Our members support the advancement of innovation and entrepreneurship through targeted incentives and economic development policies that position North Dakota to be globally competitive.

The Biosciences Innovation Grant has proven to be a successful tool in establishing a burgeoning industry in North Dakota and we hope you will be supportive in funding the program.

