



GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER  
SB 2012  
House Appropriations Committee  
Human Resources Division  
Chair Jon Nelson  
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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 2012 as it relates to Medicaid Expansion.

The cost of healthcare is of paramount concern to North Dakota's business community. Without continued funding of Medicaid expansion at current rates, healthcare providers may be forced to shift the cost of care to others as a way to compensate for operational losses. This could result in increased health insurance costs for employers.

Additionally, Medicaid Expansion provides workers, who may not receive health insurance benefits through employment, options which are critical to maintaining a strong and healthy workforce in many industries.

Finally, from a workforce perspective, increased health insurance costs will only serve to put North Dakota employers at a disadvantage relative to other states.

In conclusion, we hope that you will support the funding for Medicaid Expansion in SB 2012 with a do pass recommendation.