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HB 1199 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Kayla Pulvermacher, and I represent the North Dakota Association of Builders (NDAB). NDAB represents our state's homebuilding industry with 1500 members across North Dakota.

The North Dakota Association of Builders stands in support of HB 1199. The demand for career and technical centers has never been so immense; while North Dakota faces a shortage of workforce with the skills and knowledge required to build, update, and maintain homes, these vital educational centers will cultivate the functional skills and knowledge required to successfully build and diversify the housing inventory that North Dakota so desperately needs.

The current state of our country's economy has created many obstacles; the building industry has been no stranger to the challenges seen in recent years. That said, the promise made to our public-private partners to continue the elevation of career and technical education is one we must keep. HB 1199 creates a solution through the Bank of North Dakota so we can continue the path to expanding our workforce for years to come.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to voice our support.