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Good morning, Chairman Vigessa and members of the House Appropriations Committee. My name is Alexis Baxley, and I serve as the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association. NDSBA represents the elected school boards of all 170 public school districts and several special education units in North Dakota.

The North Dakota School Boards Association supports HB 1232. I had the opportunity to watch a presentation by Mr. Chausee as a part of the Leadership ND program in early 2020. I remember thinking, “what a cool opportunity for students to ‘try out’ careers.” This past year, NDSBA was grateful to have BeMore Colorful and Mr. Chausee present at our annual convention and host an exhibit booth. The virtual reality technology BeMore Colorful offers is impressive, and the opportunities to use it in our districts are many. We know that the best way to assist students in finding their path to life after graduation is to expose them to as many careers as possible. This technology is an incredible way for students to “experience” aspects of careers they would not otherwise have access to, and would be a great benefit to North Dakota students.

I respectfully ask the committee to give this appropriation a do-pass recommendation. Thank you.