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**Testimony Before the House Education Committee
SB 2032
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Chairman Heinert and members of the Committee, for the record my name is Nick Archuleta, and I am the president of North Dakota United. I am happy to offer testimony today in support of SB 2032.

The provisions of SB 2032 will facilitate moving dedicated paraprofessionals into teaching positions. As you well know, Mr. Chairman, the work that paraprofessionals do is absolutely crucial to the success of many of our most vulnerable students, and beneficial to all students. The experiences of paraprofessionals are tremendous assets as they become teachers in service to their students and communities. The Para to Teacher program will help to ease teacher shortages in many communities across the state and is deserving of the State's investment.

For those reasons and more, we urge a DO PASS recommendation for SB 2032.