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The Honorable Pat Heinert, Chairman
House Education Committee
68th Legislative Assembly
600 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Senate Bill 2197

Dear Chairman Heinert and House Education Committee Members:

Please consider this letter my enthusiastic support of Senate Bill 2197, the Re-Energize North Dakota Scholarship bill.

This bill would take a major step toward building and maintaining an oil and gas workforce for North Dakota, by providing scholarships to oil and gas employees and their spouses and children. This will both attract workers to North Dakota and keep them here, by building roots into our state via our North Dakota University System institutions.

Dickinson State University looks forward to teaching some of these learners. We have long treasured our relationship with oil and gas families. Because we are mindful that a college education is a major family expenditure, we believe this bill will allow us to educate even more of these students by reducing the cost of that education.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Easton'.

Stephen D. Easton