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RE: SB 2073

Dear House Government & Veterans Affairs Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 2073. When this bill was first introduced in the Senate, our association was not in support of the bill. We had concerns that this piece of legislation could result in ITD taking business away from the private sector, especially our member companies. However, after meeting with ND Indian Affairs and ITD, we developed the language you see in the current bill. We are satisfied this language will allow tribal governments to have a government-to-government relationship they are wanting with the state of ND and will prevent ITD from providing service outside of that relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carissa M. Swenson".

Carissa Swenson
Executive Director
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