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To: Chairman Louser, Members of the Industry, Business and Labor Committee.

NDSPLS is made up of over 100 members, many of which are Registered Professional Land Surveyors who live and practice in the State of North Dakota. There are approximately 500 Registered Land Surveyors who are licensed to practice in ND. We are licensed and regulated by the North Dakota State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. Our mission and objective is: to unite all of the Professional Land Surveyors in the State of North Dakota; to elevate the standards of the surveying profession; to establish basic minimum standards and requirements for surveys; to assist in promoting legislative and educational programs to improve the professional status of the Land Surveyor; to work in cooperation with local, county, state, federal and tribal governments in our field of endeavor; to uphold a rigid code of ethics; to strive to improve our relations with our clients and the public by doing our work with precision and integrity; and to maintain a good relationship between Land Surveyors and Engineers.

The North Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors is IN FAVOR of House Bill No. 1104.

NDSPLS is supportive of the proposed bill. The changes envisioned per the bill are primarily housekeeping changes. Additionally, the consensus of our membership believes that the decoupling of the exam will encourage licensure and provide flexibility to applicants by allowing them the opportunity to take the exam throughout the year and at a time when they feel prepared to sit for the exam.

Therefore, NDSPLS urges a DO PASS on House Bill No. 1104.

Respectfully submitted,

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