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## **COMMITTEES:**

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Chairman Louser and Members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee,

For the record, my name is Claire Cory, and I represent District 42 in Grand Forks.

I am seeking your support for House Bill 1323.

HB1323 was introduced on behalf of a constituent who was concerned about construction subcontractors filing construction liens against property after a general contractor signed a final lien waiver.

After much research, we discovered that our law was adequate but somewhat unclear, and that those areas had been sorted out by several cases in the ND courts. The bill draft in front of you is meant to be a clean-up bill that combines current law and the various court opinions that currently affect construction lien law into workable language that is easy to understand.

According to Dustin Richard at Legislative Council, this bill would not change the ways that contractors file liens but would simply combine the law into one place that is easy to understand. In other words, it will be business as usual.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I request a Do-Pass recommendation on this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.