



## FMWF Chamber Letter of Support for SB 2301

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Chair Louser and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee,

For the record, my name is Katherine Grindberg and I have the pleasure of serving as the Executive Vice President for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo (FMWF) Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to be a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity for businesses, members, and the greater community. On behalf of our over 1,900 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 2301.

As members of this committee well know, workforce is a major challenge facing nearly every business across North Dakota. This challenge is not unique to our state though, businesses across the United States are in desperate need of qualified workers to fill their open positions. Every state in the nation is competing to attract, acclimate, retain, and develop workforce.

A critical component of this nationwide workforce crisis is the accessibility of affordable and quality childcare. These challenges are cyclical in nature and require a multi-pronged approach to strategically address the root causes of the problem. Through innovative approaches, the state of North Dakota and childcare providers can streamline processes, reduce regulatory burdens without compromising the quality of care, decrease financial barriers and advance public-private partnership models, creating a more sustainable and equitable childcare sector.

We encourage the legislature to consider innovative childcare solutions, such as SB 2301, to provide quality, affordable, and accessible childcare to the citizens of North Dakota. On behalf of our members, thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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