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House Committee on Political Subdivisions  
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Re: SCR 4002

Dear Members of the House Committee:

It is my privilege to know Dr. Denise Lajimodiere as one of the ND Associate Laureates appointed by my late husband, Larry Woiwode, during his tenure as Poet Laureate of North Dakota.

He was honored by his appointment to serve the State and its people. His concern was to convey the necessity of poetry as an expression of the individual heart and mind, and with the beauty and excellence of that expression.

He recognized in Denise this same commitment. I believe he would be fully in support of her appointment as the next Poet Laureate of North Dakota, as I am.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Woiwode