



GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER
SB 2021
Senate Appropriations Committee
Education & Environment Division
Chairman Ron Sorvaag
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig with the Greater North Dakota Chamber. GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, with membership represented by small and large businesses, local chambers, and trade and industry associations across the state. We stand in **support** of Senate Bill 2021.

WSI is an important partner to the business community in North Dakota. North Dakota continuously ranks as the lowest premium state in the country. WSI issued \$1.7 billion in employer dividends in the past 18 years. Additionally, North Dakota is known to be one of the least litigious workers' compensation systems in the country with only 0.6% of decisions issued proceeding to an administrative court hearing. It's important to note that this is all accomplished while offering strong benefits to injured workers for the life of the injury.

Based on this success, our members feel it is critical to maintain North Dakota's current workers compensation and unemployment insurance programs to meet business needs.

We urge a Do Pass on SB 2021.