



**HB 1012**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**  
**Chairman Brad Bekkedahl**  
**March 1, 2023**

Chairman Bekkedahl and members of the Committee, my name is Amanda Remyse, and I am writing to you on behalf of the the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA), **in support** of HB 1012. Infrastructure is critical to the trucking industry and the North Dakota Department of Transportation is a valuable partner.

NDMCA members support fiscally responsible financing programs for infrastructure development. This includes using the motor vehicle excise tax to fund future transportation needs, rather than diverting a portion of it to the North Dakota General Fund. Additionally, NDMCA supports funding of state and county transportation infrastructure from North Dakota's General Fund and oil extraction and production taxes. Finally, it is critical to have the necessary state funding to match available Federal funds.

Workforce is an issue in our industry. Because of this, we support the resources aimed at increasing CDL testing accessibility.

According to the NDSU Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth, Transportation and Warehousing accounts for 4.7% of the state's GDP. Reliable transportation networks expand markets by allowing North Dakota businesses to sell products across the state, to other states, and internationally. North Dakota has the nation's most freight-dependent economy. Comprehensive infrastructure is important the economic success of North Dakota.

NDMCA thanks the Committee for your consideration and urges a **do pass** recommendation.