



GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER
HB 1021
Senate Appropriations Committee
Chair Brad Bekkedahl
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Appropriations 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 House Bill 1021 as it relates to the North Dakota Business Gateway project.

Our members support pro-business policies that improve the legal and regulatory environment, maintain consistency, promote growth, and lower business costs. The North Dakota Business Gateway project will increase accessibility to state business related services by providing a more navigable, streamlined approach.

Businesses are already facing workforce constraints. This investment will save employers time and money by increasing efficiencies and eliminating red tape. In short, this is an important tool to make doing business in North Dakota easier.

More than 40,000 businesses would benefit from the efficiencies created by the Gateway. We urge you to vote in favor of the funds requested for the North Dakota Business Gateway project in HB 1021.