



March 15, 2023

Subject: Letter of Support for HB 1398

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Emerging Prairie supports House Bill 1398 and its goal to increase computer science and cybersecurity education in North Dakota.

Emerging Prairie energizes communities. We believe that as we weave the startup, innovation, and technology ecosystems together and move them forward, we will be able to maximize the state's potential and see catalytic community and economic development.

In our work helping to build the technology ecosystem in our state, through efforts such as Emerging Digital Academy, we have seen the positive impact of those entering the technology field. From life-changing opportunities, to the advancement of key industries, to the ripple effects in their communities.

All of this has been made possible through education, and we believe that to continue building a successful technology ecosystem in an ever technical and digital world, we need to provide as many tools as possible to those curious learners who are our state's future. Tools such as increased access to computer science education.

For these reasons, Emerging Prairie supports this legislation.

Sincerely,

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CEO & Co-founder
Emerging Prairie

