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Madam Chairman Larson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Leslie Bieber; I am the Superintendent of Alexander Public School in Alexander, ND. I am in favor of Senate Bill 2197. Out of the 154 families at Alexander Public School, 102, 66%, work in the oil and gas industry.

In the last few years, scholarship opportunities have become available for paraprofessionals to go back to school to become teachers. In Alexander, six of our paras have returned to school for their education degree due to the scholarship opportunities hence helping with our teacher shortage.

Likewise, this scholarship for oil and gas employees and families will be an incentive for students to pursue careers within the industry following the footsteps of their families.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie Bieber