

## **Testimony in Support of SB 2270 – Senate Education Committee**

Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee, for the record my name is Bob Marthaller, representing North Dakota United.

Mr. Chairman, North Dakota United fully supports all efforts to recruit and retain quality classroom teachers in all North Dakota school classrooms and SB 2270 provides incentive to attract teachers, particularly for our small and mostly rural school districts. A system to award grants to student teachers that encourages licensed teachers to remain in North Dakota provides another tool to local school boards and administrators in support of their efforts to hire qualified teachers for all classrooms.

The promise of a monetary grant to participants that sign a contract to teach in a North Dakota public school within two years of graduation might just be the final convincing factor that persuades a licensed teacher to sign a contract and remain in North Dakota to teach our children.

Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee, it is for these reasons, that North Dakota United urges a unanimous Do Pass on Senate Bill 2270.

I will try to answer any questions of the committee.