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To Whom It May Concern,

I am the Principal at Dakota High School (Fargo Public Schools' Alternative HS). I am writing this letter in support of SB 2268 – A pilot program for support services for youth at risk.

At Dakota High School, we continue to serve a population of great students (people/citizens) who are working towards a high school diploma that leads to a future with many options and opportunities for our skilled, choice-ready graduates. Barriers. We are seeing an increase in students who are experiencing homelessness, mental health struggles, substance abuse and lacking strong, traditional family support networks. Many students have sizable barriers to overcome. They need help.

We have a passion for helping our alternative education students on their journey and look forward to learning how the state supports and partners with organizations working with at-risk youth.

Thank You,

David Burkman, Dakota HS Principal