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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter in support of SB 2268 – A pilot program for support services for youth at risk. I am the Assistant Principal at Dakota High School in Fargo; which serves as the alternative high school for Fargo area youth. I see a tremendous need for teen/young adult supports and it continues to grow.

We serve a high number of homeless students, many of whom are unaccompanied minors or young adults on their own. The services this pilot program provides would help support our students on the path to graduation and becoming productive citizens and taxpayers.

I look forward to analyzing the data from this pilot to better understand community needs and what resources have the greatest impact on our young adult population.

Thank You,

Jim

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