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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of SB 2268 – A Pilot Program for Support Services for Youth at Risk. I am the Administrator for the Adult Learning Center which is located in Fargo, ND but also serves as a Regional Adult Education hub that provides services to our satellite location at Wahpeton Adult Learning Center on the NDSCS campus in Wahpeton, ND.

In both locations, our team works to support students on their pathway, not only to obtain their GED but also support them to choice ready upon graduation as they enter employment, post secondary education/training or military careers. The GED programs at the Adult Learning Centers provide assistance and support to students 16 years and older. Currently, 23% of the student population in the Fargo Adult Learning Center is between the ages of 16-21 years old. Within this age group, our team notices an increased need to support students facing significant challenges such as homelessness, food insecurities, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, mental health struggles, lack of support and trouble navigating networks for support.

While the challenges this demographic group of students face, I believe that the work of this pilot could help us better understand the needs for these important, valuable young adults and how to best utilize our state resources and maximize the impact to bring positive change not only to their lives but for future generations.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Frueh