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Chairman Larsen and Senate Industry and Business Committee Members,

For the record, my name is Claire Cory. I represent District 42 in Grand Forks, which includes the northwestern part of Grand Forks and expands out to include the Grand Forks Air Force Base. I am here as the prime sponsor seeking support of House Bill 1323.

House Bill 1323 is what I would consider a century code cleanup regarding construction liens by contractors and subcontractors. It was introduced on behalf of a constituent who was concerned about construction subcontractors filing construction liens against property after a general contractor signed a final lien waiver.

After much research, we discovered that our law was adequate but somewhat unclear, and that those areas had been sorted out by several cases in the North Dakota courts. The bill draft in front of you is meant to be a clean-up bill that combines current law and the various court opinions that currently affect construction lien law into workable language that is easy to understand.

According to Legislative Council, this bill would not change the ways that contractors file liens but would simply combine the law into one place that is easy to understand. In other words, it will be business as usual (see email).

Chairman Larsen and members of the Senate Industry and Business Committee, this concludes my testimony. I respectfully ask for a do pass recommendation from your committee. I am happy to stand for any questions.