

**Testimony HB 1127**  
**Senate Transportation Committee**  
**March 2, 2023**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Transportation committee, my name is Russ Hanson of the Associated General Contractors of North Dakota. AGC of ND is a 400 member association which has been in existence since 1951. Our membership consists of all aspects of commercial construction - highway contractors, vertical contractors, civil/heavy, specialty contractors, subcontractors as well as material and equipment suppliers.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this testimony in support of HB 1127. We favor the concept of addressing the county bid thresholds to match another threshold commonly utilized in the industry (NDCC 48). If enacted, this legislation will accomplish this at a level (\$200,000) our association leadership generally believe is appropriate.

The verbiage proposed in this legislation for instances under the proposed new threshold to encourage competition is also a good addition in our opinion.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on HB 1127. We respectfully request the committee issue a Do Pass Recommendation. If the committee has questions, I am happy to try to address them.