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**TO:** North Dakota Legislative Assembly

**SUBJECT:** HB 1519

On December 7, 2022, Governor Doug Burgum presented his 2023-2025 Executive Budget to the 68th Legislative Assembly, delivering a plan that includes \$37 million to support growth in the ND unmanned aviation systems industry (<https://video.ndlegis.gov/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20221214/-1/27996>.)

North Dakota is a leader in the Nation as a proving ground for testing and development of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). HB 1519 is important to maintain North Dakota's leadership by providing appropriations to the department of transportation, department of health and human services, department of career and technical education, department of agriculture, and industrial commission for uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants.

TruWeather is expanding our weather operations and services in North Dakota because of North Dakota's UAS leadership position in the United States. TruWeather is bringing the most advanced micro-weather technology in the world to North Dakota through our commercial relationship with Grand Sky. By mid-2023, North Dakota will have the most advanced low altitude micro-weather services in the Nation. This Bill will continue to support innovations, for companies like TruWeather, to help realize the economic possibilities of uncrewed aircraft systems in North Dakota. More work is required to reach the full promise of regular Beyond-Visual-Line-of-Sight drone operations across North Dakota.

As a business and partner operating in North Dakota, we see the value of this Bill in simulating the development of new technology to support UAS ecosystem growth and bring economic and practical benefits to businesses, public safety and the people of North Dakota.

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