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**Senate Transportation Committee
Chairman David Clemens
Senate Bill 2362**

Chairman Clemens and members of the Committee my name is Amanda Remynse, and I am representing the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA). NDMCA supports SB 2362.

NDMCA's mission statement is *"To Promote Highway Safety, Deliver Services and Provide Representation for Our Members"*. NDMCA members put safety first through improved driver training, investment in advanced safety technologies, and active participation in industry safety initiatives at the local, state and national levels.

The trucking industry is critical in transporting freight nationally and internationally. North Dakota trucking companies transport over 37,000 tons of freight per day. Currently, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations require commercial motor vehicle drivers to wear safety belts. Although this bill would not directly affect the trucking industry, safety of all users on our roads is a top priority for NDMCA.

NDMCA's Board of Directors approved policy statements includes support of a primary safety belt law. NDMCA asks for a do pass recommendation from the Senate Transportation Committee on SB 2362.