

Senate Appropriations Committee
Re: Support for HB1232

Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Workforce Development Committee:

I am Ann Pollert, Director of Workforce Development for General Equipment & Supplies, Inc and am writing the Senate Appropriations Committee in Support of HB 1232. We are a heavy equipment dealership with four locations in ND as well as locations in MN, SD, and IA. My job is to attract, recruit and mentor future employees through our Komatsu Program at NDSCS and our Internal Apprenticeship Programs.

We see tremendous value in the supporting of Virtual Career Experiences made possible through the passage and implementation of HB1232.

Through ND Career and Technical Education (CTE), our schools have the RU Ready Career Software Platform coupled with Virtual Reality Career Experiences. These resources can truly introduce and expose all of the students in ND to interesting high demand careers available in our state and attract ND students to consider careers in ND and remain in ND.

As North Dakota students are facing future post-secondary educational options and potential career paths it is our responsibility to adequately prepare them and their parents to make wise and financially responsible choices. Virtual Career Experiences really do open their eyes to everything ND has to offer.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ann Pollert
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