

Chairman Nathe and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this in support of HB1013. I fully support the need for DPI to pass-through grant funding for ND's writing project sites.

This past summer I decided it was time to pursue my dream of getting a Master's degree. I received an email on behalf of Minot State University regarding the Northern Plains Writing Project, and I learned that the two summer courses could count toward a Master's degree.

Without the funding from this program to help cover the cost, I probably would not have been able to start working on this dream of mine. My two professors were absolutely incredible, and the knowledge I gained has helped me in my classroom. I have been teaching ELA for 10 years now.

Please consider keeping the funding for these programs. As an ELA teacher, I work every day to help students write better, and it is a difficult task. Learning new ways, having access to different programs, and engaging in new approaches to teaching writing is absolutely crucial.

Thank you for your consideration.

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