



Letter of Support – HB 1012

Monday, January 13th, 2025

Chairman Nelson and Members of the House Appropriations Committee - Human Resources Division,

For the record, my name is Cale Dunwoody, and I have the distinct pleasure of serving as the Vice President of Public Policy for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce (FMWF Chamber). On behalf of our more than 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of House Bill 1012.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. One of the significant challenges our members face is the critical shortage of affordable, accessible, and high-quality childcare, which directly impacts workforce availability and stability. Our region continues to grapple with the shortage of childcare slots, particularly for infants and toddlers, due to the high costs associated with providing these essential services.

As the committee considers House Bill 1012, we urge you to prioritize continued funding for existing childcare programs and allocate additional resources to support childcare facilities and expand childcare capacity. Addressing this pressing issue is vital for the well-being of our families, the strength of our workforce, and the growth of the economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Cale Dunwoody
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