



Letter of Support – HB 1510

Monday, February 10, 2025

Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee,

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 over 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of House Bill 1510.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. First, I would like to express our gratitude for the 68th Legislative Assembly's leadership in advancing critical investments into childcare and their commitment to addressing affordability through programs like the Working Parent Childcare Relief Program. However, the challenges with accessing affordable and high-quality childcare persist.

North Dakota continues to grapple with the availability and affordability of childcare slots, which directly impact the availability and stability of our state's workforce. The Chamber supports pragmatic solutions to advance the affordability and accessibility of childcare.

Passage of this bill offers additional support to working families which will allow them to grow and thrive. It signals a commitment to investing in our future and a stronger North Dakota. We respectfully urge the committee to give this bill a DO PASS.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cale Dunwoody", written in a cursive style.

Sincerely,

Cale Dunwoody
Vice President of Public Policy
Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce