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Chairman Headland and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Andy Armacost, and I serve as the President of the University of North Dakota.

I am writing in opposition to HCR 3012. As you will hear in testimony from UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) Dean Marjorie Jenkins, the impact of this resolution on the operations of the state's only medical school will be significant. This would represent a \$14.7 million biennial cut to the bottom line of the school.

We have appreciated the decades-long commitment of the citizens of North Dakota to their health and the impact of their support on SMHS's ability to deliver physicians and health care providers across the state.

I would urge this resolution to go forward only if there is a consideration or a commitment to offset the loss of funding using other appropriations to make the school whole. The mill has been a steady and reliable fund that has kept pace with inflation and has had a tremendous impact.

In closing, I would contend that if there is one area where a state-wide mill is appropriate, it is to ensure all our citizens have access to high-quality health providers and to keep the incredible flow of physicians from the School of Medicine and Health Sciences to the communities across our state.

Thank you.