

Letter of Support – HB 1191

Monday, January 27, 2025

Chairman Warrey and members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor 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 1191.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. Establishing an office of entrepreneurship supports the further development and growth of our state's vibrant economy.

Innovation is a fundamental part of North Dakota, with the state and its citizens constantly striving to create dynamic solutions and ideas. Supporting these unique ideas offers enhanced economic development opportunities and increases the potential for new businesses to take root in our state. These new business ideas will augment existing industries and inspire the establishment of new.

A robust, statewide entrepreneurship ecosystem is critical to the continued vitality of our state. If passed, we believe the entrepreneurial spirit across North Dakota will continue to flourish with this additional support – driving innovative solutions and economic diversity. We stand in support of this HB 1191 and urge this committee give the bill a DO PASS recommendation.

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

Sincerely,

Cale Dunwoody

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