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Dr. Steven Shirley
President
Minot State University
500 University Ave West
Minot, ND 58707

Dear Dr. Shirley:

On behalf of Trinity Health and its affiliate critical access hospitals: St. Luke's Hospital (Crosby), Mountrail County Medical Center (Stanley), Presentation Medical Center (Rolla), St. Andrew's Health Center (Bottineau), St. Aloisius Hospital (Harvey), Kenmare Hospital and Tioga Medical Center, I am pleased to formally endorse Minot State University's pursuit of establishing a Regional Health Sciences Institute in downtown Minot. This forward-thinking initiative aligns with Trinity Health's mission to support workforce development and expand healthcare access across the region.

The proposed Regional Health Sciences Institute presents an extraordinary opportunity to enhance healthcare education and professional training in northwest North Dakota. Expanding Minot State University's highly respected School of Nursing, alongside Dakota College at Bottineau's nursing and health programs, along with an advanced simulation center, will significantly support and bolster the region's healthcare workforce pipeline.

Additionally, Trinity Health recognizes the value of this crucial initiative in supporting specialized training programs critical to our region's healthcare needs. These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Nursing – BSN, ADN, & LPN
- Nutrition - Dietetics
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) programs
- Certified Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Technicians
- EKG Technicians
- Dialysis Technicians
- Athletic Trainer programs
- Occupational Therapy Assistant programs
- Physical Therapy Assistant programs

- Phlebotomy certificate programs
- Surgical Technician programs
- Radiologic Technologist programs
- Ultrasound Technician
- Paramedic Technology

As a transformative workforce development initiative that benefits not only Minot but the entire northwest North Dakota region, Trinity Health is fully committed to partnering with Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau in this endeavor. Our organization is prepared to contribute assets in downtown Minot, which can be acquired and renovated to house clinical training programs, thereby supporting the development of healthcare professionals critical to meeting the region's growing and ongoing healthcare needs.

We are proud to align with Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau as strategic partners in this initiative. Our affiliate critical access hospitals across northwest North Dakota are equally engaged and support this effort to ensure accessible, high-quality healthcare for the communities we collectively serve.

Thank you for your visionary leadership and dedication to advancing healthcare education and access in our region. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and working together with both campuses to bring the Regional Health Sciences Institute to Minot and northwest North Dakota.

Sincerely,



John M. Kutch
President & CEO

cc: St. Luke's Hospital
Mountrail County Medical Center
Presentation Medical Center
St. Andrew's Health Center
St. Aloisius Hospital
Kenmare Hospital
Tioga Medical Center