



THE CHAMBER
FARGO MOORHEAD WEST FARGO

Funding Formula Letter of Support – SB 2003

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Chairman Sorvaag and members of the Senate Appropriations – Education and Environment 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 Senate Bill 2003, specifically as it relates to the state's funding formula.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. We recognize the immense impact higher education has on students and the workforce environment of our state. These institutions of higher education offer students high-quality, rigorous educational opportunities to develop a robust workforce pipeline.

The state's funding formula is a critical component that supports the vibrancy and continued development of higher education across the state. We support pragmatic adjustments to the funding formula to ensure predictable and balanced funding for all institutions. We respectfully urge this committee to review the current funding formula to ensure it provides adequate financial support to institutions of higher education across the state.

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

Sincerely,

Cale Dunwoody
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