

Chairman Sorvaag and Members of the Senate Appropriations Educations and Environment Committee,

I am Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC). On behalf of our organization and member investors, I offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2009.

Minot is proud to host the North Dakota State Fair, the state's largest annual event each year. It is a cherished tradition, uniting the community and attracting visitors from across the state and beyond. With thousands of exhibits from 4-H and FFA members, alongside a diverse array of innovative products from entrepreneurs across the state and beautiful works of art from all ages showcased throughout the event it truly is special.

The focus of the event is on agriculture and youth, who are the leaders of tomorrow. As we continue to work to keep people in state and attract the next generation of leaders and grow entrepreneurs, supporting signature events like the fair become critically important.

Thank you for your continued support of the state fair association and your commitment to our great state.

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