

Dear Members of the Education and Environment Division of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

I am a citizen of North Dakota and work for an agency that provides services for people experiencing homeless and at risk of homeless. I am writing in support of SB 2030. I live in Fargo, ND and have seen for years how the need for housing and homeless services has out paced the need in our community. As the need has increased, the number of people experiencing homeless has also increased. Due to the lack of affordable housing it has also made it more difficult for those experiencing homeless to regain housing. Our lack of affordable housing impacts our children's educational attainment, workers to find housing, and for seniors to find affordable places to live.

I ask you to support this bill to increase funding for these critical services.