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Honorable Chairman Bekkedahl and Committee Members,

Applied Digital Corporation (Nasdaq: APLD) is a designer, builder and operator of next-generation digital infrastructure for High Performance Compute ("HPC") applications. Applied Digital has been active in North Dakota since 2021. We've greatly appreciated the collaborative spirit of the state and the opportunity to work with North Dakota employees, contractors, and local and state officials. Our facilities north of Jamestown and in Ellendale reflect the strong partnerships we've built. To date we have invested over \$1B in infrastructure in North Dakota and anticipate roughly \$4B more in the coming years. According to our economic impact study, conducted by a third party earlier this year, we anticipate becoming a top-ten property tax payer in the state within the next few years. We believe this will create roughly 14,000 temporary and permanent jobs during construction. We anticipate we will be responsible for nearly one-half of a percent (0.5%) of state GDP. Our permanent employment footprint at our facilities is expected to be roughly 400 jobs. According to the study, we anticipate there will be roughly 2,500 indirect jobs as a result of our projects. North Dakota Senate Bill SB2225 is a vital step in strengthening partnerships between businesses and communities and enabling investment such as ours in communities that have been troubled by the crisis surrounding affordable housing across the country.

In order for us to be successful in our projects, it is critical we collaborate with communities. When identifying potential facility locations, we prioritize engaging with local individuals and government to understand community needs, including housing, amenities, services, and quality-of-life factors. Affordable housing is particularly critical for supporting workforce growth and sustainable community development. We strive to align our contributions—whether through donations, volunteerism, or other initiatives—with locally identified priorities.

By reducing infrastructure costs and supporting housing affordability, this legislation encourages investment and ensures mutual growth.

We urge the committee to advance this legislation, which will enhance community well-being and foster matching investments.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me for further information. We look forward to continuing our partnership with North Dakota.

Sincerely,



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