

## Letter of Support – HB 1076

Friday, February 14, 2025

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs 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 House Bill 1076.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. The North Dakota National Guard is a tremendous asset to our state, and we believe it is essential to support initiatives that enhance military excellence and position North Dakota as the most military-friendly state in the nation.

House Bill 1076 is a significant step in this direction. By increasing the death benefits for members of the North Dakota National Guard who make the ultimate sacrifices while on State Active Duty, this bill provides critical financial support to their families, helping them navigate the burdens that accompany a tragic loss.

As this 69th Legislative Assembly considers this legislation, we respectfully urge this committee to give HB 1076 a DO PASS recommendation, thereby reinforcing our state's commitment to military excellence and enhancing North Dakota's military friendliness.

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

Sincerely,

Cale Dunwoody

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