

**Testimony of Landis Larson, ND AFL-CIO President
In Support of SB 2097
January 17, 2025**

Chairperson:

My name is Landis Larson, President of the North Dakota AFL-CIO. The North Dakota AFL-CIO is the federation of labor unions in North Dakota, representing the interests of all working people in our state.

I am testifying on behalf of the North Dakota AFL-CIO in support of Senate Bill 2097.

Over a third of all North Dakota union members live in rural cities that are less than 1000 in population. Workers in energy generation, education, building and construction trades, rail transportation, manufacturing, healthcare and more could see quality of life benefits from a rural community endowment fund making investments in their hometowns.

The North Dakota AFL-CIO fully supports Senate Bill 2097.