

Chairman Luick and Members of the Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

My name is Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) and Executive Committee Member of the North Dakota Military Commission. On behalf of MACEDC and our over 600 member investors, I offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2265 for the Veterans National Cemetery.

The mission of MACEDC is to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all. MACEDC has five key strategic pillars, with one focused on military support. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of our veterans.

As a state with a proud history of service in defense of our nation, it is important that we ensure that our veterans are honored and laid to rest with dignity. The Veterans Memorial Center at Fargo National Cemetery will provide a gathering area for family and friends, an area to honor veterans, and much more.

We work closely with communities across the state to do everything we can to support military and it's great to see the work Fargo has done here to bring the Fargo National Cemetery to the same high standard seen at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan.

I am a proud member of the North Dakota Military Commission, which has a vision to make North Dakota the most military friendly state in the nation. As a long-term advocate for military, I ask for your support of Senate Bill 2265.

Thank you,

Brekka Kramer Minot Area Chamber EDC President | CEO North Dakota Military Commission Executive Committee Member