

# North Dakota Association of Builders

*The North Dakota Association of Builders represents the professional building industry through legislation, information and education.*



**March 27, 2025**

## **Testimony in Opposition of HB 1259**

Senate State & Local Government Committee

Chair Kristin Roers

Chair Roers and Members of the Senate State & Local Government Committee,

My name is Brittney Roehrich and I'm the Chief Executive Officer for the North Dakota Association of Builders (NDAB). NDAB represents the professional building industry through legislation, information and education with 1,400 members statewide. We are also chartered with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). On behalf of NDAB, I submit this testimony in **opposition** to House Bill 1259.

Businesses across North Dakota would be affected especially those in border cities. We have many member companies based in these cities which would directly affect their business operations on a daily basis. This issue should be addressed at the federal level to reduce confusion and organizational burdens, along with economic disruption.

For half the year, residents, businesses, students and visitors traveling to and from border states would need to adjust their clocks consistently. If enacted, North Dakota would be the only Midwest state on Standard Time, further complicating workforce mobility. The workforce is already facing numerous challenges, and this change would add another barrier. Also, if this bill were passed it would shorten the seasonal workday which the construction industry heavily relies on.

In conclusion, the North Dakota Association of Builders urges the committee to **oppose** House Bill 1259.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working together to build a stronger, more resilient housing market for our state.

Respectfully submitted,

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