



Letter of Opposition – SB 2361

Friday, January 31th, 2025

Chairwoman Roers and Members of the Senate State and Local Government 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 more than 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 2361.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. While we deeply respect and support efforts to safeguard national security, we believe this bill, as currently written, would hinder North Dakota's business climate, economic growth, and international partnerships. Specifically, our concerns center on the inadvertent financial and regulatory burdens this bill may place on businesses operating in good faith, as well as the possibility of deterring valuable economic development across the state.

As the committee considers this legislation, we encourage a judicious analysis of its impacts and urge pragmatic modifications that protect national security interests and minimize the negative effects on the business community, thereby safeguarding legitimate economic development opportunities. For these reasons we urge the committee to give this bill a DO NOT PASS.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to North Dakota's business environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cale Dunwoody", written in a cursive style.

Cale Dunwoody
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