

Support for SB 2146 Senate Workforce Development Committee Chairman Wobbema January 16, 2025

Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee,

I am Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) and Executive Committee Member of the North Dakota Military Commission. On behalf of the MACEDC, Task Force 21, and our member investors, I offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2146 to join the interstate licensing compact for occupational therapy

The MACEDC's mission 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, two of them being workforce development and military support. We believe that Senate Bill 2146 as proposed would have a positive impact on the workforce environment of our great state by supporting licensed occupational therapists, specifically military spouses, in their endeavor to continue work during their relocation.

Making the licensing transition easier not only benefits the occupational therapist but everyone in North Dakota, allowing them to provide their services and join the workforce.

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 improved licensure and career portability for military service members and their spouses, I ask for your support of Senate Bill 2146 and am available for any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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