



Letter of Support – SB 2221

Friday, January 31, 2025

Chairman Wobbema and members of the Senate Work Force 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 over 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 2221.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. Our members continue to express concerns centered around the availability of high-quality, skilled workers. The expanded eligibility of Skilled workforce student loan repayment program to include those holding a Master of Science in nursing, while teaching clinicals, and resides and works in this state in an occupation requiring the degree, will offer another incentive to attract, develop, and retain qualified individuals to fill the critical shortage of health care professionals throughout the state, without whom the health and wellbeing of our state would be in jeopardy.

It is imperative we take steps to attract, develop, and retain skilled workers to develop a robust workforce pipeline. This repayment program increases our regional competitiveness, further incentivizing qualified individuals to remain in the state, ensuring our families and communities are cared for while driving our state towards economic prosperity. For these reasons, we urge the committee to give this bill a DO PASS.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Cale Dunwoody
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Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce