

February 11, 2025

Honorable Senators Wobbema, Axtman, Boschee, Larson and Powers,

I am writing in **support** of SB 2389, which relates to a legislative management study regarding child care infrastructure.

I have written to you in the past few weeks in support of childcare related bills because I serve as Chair of Minot's Committee on Childcare. The committee is made up of childcare providers, parents, elected officials, business owners and city staff. Over the past 18 months we have discovered several needs related to the shortage of childcare providers in our area. We have also heard of creative ways to address these issues. With the passage of SB 2389, the state could take a deep dive into these issues and develop plans to address them. The message that we have heard is that a comprehensive approach to childcare will benefit everyone.

It is our committee's belief that economic development, support for our next generation and overall community livability begin and end with quality childcare. SB 2389 is a positive step towards achieving that goal.

Thank you for your consideration of the passage of SB 2389.

Respectfully,  
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