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Appropriations Committee
North Dakota House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. The Forx Builders Association represent approximately 200 builders and associated businesses throughout the Greater Grand Forks area and we urge you to support Senate Bill 2019.

Workforce shortage is a chronic, nation-wide issue that threatens our communities by pushing labor costs and purchase prices to a point that forces potential home buyers out of the market. Senate Bill 2019 can provide the critical funding needed for career and technical education to directly impact this crippling issue.

Please support Senate Bill 2019 and help rebuild our workforce of contractors, plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians and other skilled workers. Help support our communities by increasing revenue potential. Help "bring housing home" and make housing affordable again. Join us in correcting the workforce shortage by supporting Senate Bill 2019.

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,

Stacy Hanson
Executive Officer