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Good Afternoon Chairman and members of the House Appropriations Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony to you today. My name is John MacMartin, President of the Minot Area Chamber EDC. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 1431.

The Souris River Joint Board is managing the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Control Projects composed of a basin-wide approach. The project supports life, health and safety. The Minot Chamber EDC support these projects because of the devastation and loss that flood events cause to both businesses and residents alike. Personally I support this bill as my wife and I reside in Eastwood Park, a historic neighborhood, which was ravaged in the 2011 flood.

The other component of the bill of interest to the Minot Chamber EDC is the funding for the Career and Technical Education Center. This project is the result of the collaboration of the City, Minot State University, Dakota College of Bottineau, Minot Public Schools and the private sector. The state's ability to diversify is tied to having a technically trained workforce and the same is true for communities throughout the state. A CTE in Minot will help fill a gap in the technical training network.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this input to you on HB 1431