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Written Testimony

To: House Education Committee

From: Dr. Katherine Terras, Co-Founder

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 1375 with Amendments

Date: January 26, 2021

Chairman Owens and Members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you to those who sponsored this bill. While I support the idea of a tuition credit incentive program, I propose it be more inclusive of training programs students enroll in that are not under the control of the state board of higher education yet are still state-approved and essential to the state's workforce development. This inclusivity could be achieved with the following simple amendments:

- In Section 1 (#2, line 12, page 1), I am proposing the language of "institution of higher education" be redacted and replaced with **"state-approved postsecondary training program."**
- In Section 1 (#2.a, lines 14-15, page 1), I am proposing this language be redacted and replaced with **"Be enrolled in a state-approved postsecondary training program."** This simple amendment would also include the North Dakota students who are enrolled in quality training programs to support our state's workforce needs.