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Good afternoon Chairman Owens and members of the House Education Committee. My name is Alexis Baxley, and I serve as the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association. NDSBA represents the elected school boards of all 175 public school districts and several special education units in North Dakota.

The North Dakota School Boards Association stands in support of HB 1388. We appreciate all of the input, research, and work that went into the drafting of this bill. While the adjustments to the funding formula in section one of the bill will mean slightly lower weighting factors for some of our districts and higher for others, we believe these changes will help bring more districts onto the formula and create a more equitable, adequate formula for all.

We also support and are appreciative of the one percent cost-inflation increase to the per pupil payment in each year of the biennium included in Section 2.

Finally we believe seven-year transition period for transition minimum and maximum schools will give districts time to prepare and adjust their budgets incrementally, again, creating a more equitable, adequate formula for all.

NDSBA supports HB 1388 for these reasons, and requests that the committee to give the bill a do pass recommendation. I would be happy to answer any questions.