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Chairman Owens and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony. My name is Kim Schneider and I represent the North Dakota Association of Builders. Our home building industry is proud to support a growing North Dakota and we are fueled by the talents of workers including electricians, plumbers, masons, carpenters, and the many trades that make up the construction industry. Career and technical education is critical not only to our industry, but also provides a career path for our citizens that includes job security and high wages. Despite this, almost every one of our members struggles with attracting and retaining a skilled workforce.

SB 2289 supports our future workforce with the North Dakota Choice Ready framework which assists the great educators across the state to help ensure all students are ready for their post high school life carrying forth real life, essential skills. These skills will help them as they choose to enter post-secondary school, enter the workforce, or join the military.

On behalf of the North Dakota Association of Builders and our 2,000 members across the state, we urge a Do Pass recommendation on SB 2289.

We appreciate the support and continued partnership,

Kim Schneider
Chief Executive Officer
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