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TO: North Dakota Legislators & Staff:

My name is Christopher Allen, and I am the founder of Blockchain Commons, a blockchain infrastructure development and research organization. My past achievements include being co-author of SSL/TLS, the broadest deployed security standard in the world, and the basis upon which most Internet traffic moves securely. More recently I am Invited Expert to the W3C international standards organization and the former co-chair of the W3C Credentials Community Group working toward broader international standards around digital identity, digital civil liberties, and personal privacy.

I am a big supporter of innovation by limiting Government regulation of emerging marketplaces and technologies until they mature. Thus I recommend the passage of HB 1268 "sandbox" legislation which will allow for North Dakotans to explore digital asset and blockchain technologies to enable innovative financial applications.

I supported similar legislation in Wyoming in 2017, and have been a regular contributor and legislative advisor to their Select Committee on Blockchain since. I am quite proud to witness Wyoming become a leader in the digital asset technology & regulation resulting in over \$10B to the Wyoming economy. Despite residing in California, it is because of these new Wyoming digital asset laws that I established my organization Blockchain Commons to be domiciled in Wyoming and have encouraged other technology companies to do the same.

I also encourage the North Dakota legislature to create a digital asset friendly corridor aligned with Wyoming, and outside of the coasts, to help bring more prosperity and forward thinking policies that will help not only North Dakotans but influence the entire US.

Thank you for the opportunity to show my support for HB 1268. Let me know if you need more details about my support or if there are other ways I can be of service to your community.

Regards,



Christopher Allen

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