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DATE: January 5, 2021
TO: Senate Appropriations Committee
FROM: Dave Farnsworth & Reese Boehm
SUBJECT: TrainND Letter of Support on behalf of Great River Energy

Dear Senate Appropriations Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the importance of continued State funding for the TrainND program. TrainND is North Dakota's most comprehensive training network which provides training for ND Business and Industry, enhancing ND's ability to compete globally.

Some statistics, specific to the entire TrainND effort for 2020 include:

- 383 companies served
- More than 80,000 hours of training delivered
- 100% client and 99% participant satisfaction rates received respectively

Great River Energy consistently utilizes TrainND's Mobile Welding Unit to certify our in-house maintenance welders. The state-of-the-art mobile welding trailer is managed by competent TrainND trainers, and the welding training is conducted by subject matter expert instructors who produce proven, quality results in Great River Energy's employees. The Professional Development Continuing Education Training program has also been leveraged. The subject material is current and relevant and taught by competent and accomplished instructors. Other TrainND programs, such as the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program help to train individuals in a career greatly needed by the North Dakota Energy Industry.

In conclusion, TrainND provides a value-added benefit to Great River Energy and our great State of North Dakota as it bolsters our workforce's knowledge, skills and abilities. TrainND positions the ND workforce competitively in their respective markets globally and helps to quickly retrain industry workers displaced by an ever-changing economy.

We encourage you to support TrainND into the future with the requested State funding.

Sincerely,

Great River Energy, Manager Power Generation and Engineering,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David E. Farnsworth'.

Dave Farnsworth

TrainND Southwest Advisory Board Member & Great River Energy Leader, O&M Support Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Reese Boehm'.

Reese Boehm