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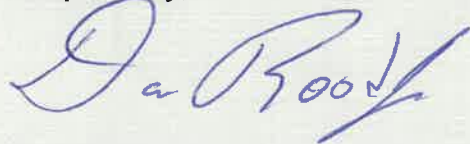
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H.B. 1430

Modification/Amendment and Support for H.B. 1430

As a public-school administrator for the past 37 years, I draw on my personal and professional preparation and experience in support for H.B. 1430 and the amendments that support the State Scholarship and the full \$6,000 value for students who are in Career, Technical, and Trades Programs that are two years in length. Why should a student not be able to access the scholarship they earned because that choose to go into a program that is not a traditional four-year bachelor's degree program. Our workforce and our economy and the future growth of our state depend on a highly skilled workforce made up of people of a variety of post-secondary levels of preparation. It is no secret that many great careers in high skill, high wage areas are open and available to people with Associate of Arts or Technical Degrees and that we face a critical workforce shortage in many of those areas. This bill as amended can serve to help "jump start" interest in those critical shortage areas, help reduce college debt and provide one of the best returns on investment for the State of North Dakota by helping get people into career fields that immediately have people working and paying taxes and helping our business, industrial, and trades areas grow and prosper. The track record of CTE student success in North Dakota is strong and why would we not want to help our many businesses and our economy grow and prosper. I urge your support of H.B. 1430 as amended.

Respectfully,



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