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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Terra Miller Bowley and I am the Deputy Director for Administration for the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

Section 3, related to payments for commodities, of Senate Bill 2162 could be problematic for the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation procures a wide variety of commodities – some with some significant lead time prior to delivery. It is not uncommon for the department to receive an invoice prior to delivery and inspection of the commodity. Invoices are not paid until delivery has been made and the commodity is inspected and accepted. There will be many times where an invoice will not be paid within 30 days of receipt at the department. Should this bill pass in its original form, we could be unable to comply with the law in many instances.

For this reason, we support the amendments proposed by the Office of Management and Budget, particularly the amendment to section 3 of the bill. We ask for your favorable consideration of the OMB amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I would be happy to address any questions the committee may have.