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Dear Mr. Gibbens, Ms. Brinkman, and Ms. Address:

On behalf of the Department of Career and Technical Education, I am writing this letter to support the North Dakota Area Health Education Center (ND AHEC) Program, the Eastern and Western North Dakota Area Health Education Centers (Eastern ND AHEC, Western ND AHEC). The ND AHEC/Eastern/Western ND AHEC focuses on providing support across the health care workforce pipeline to address health care workforce shortages through distribution, diversity, supply and quality health care professionals.

Presently, ND AHEC is engaged in the important work of advising the HOSA student organization. This gives students that are taking health science courses the same leadership opportunities provided in other Career Technical Student Organizations such as FFA or FBLA. The HOSA state officers are invited to attend the state leadership conference, hosted by the Department of Career and Technical Education.

In closing, we would like to say that the Department of Career and Technical Education is pleased to continue a relationship that is beneficial to us and the North Dakota Area Health Education Program and the Eastern/Western North Dakota Area Health Education Centers. We believe this support is worthy and meets the needs of future health care students and professional providers, rural communities and quality health for North Dakota. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayde Sick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "W" and "S".

Wayde Sick
State Director