



January 11, 2023

House Appropriations Education and Environment Subcommittee
Representative Mike Nathe, Chair

Re: Letter of Support for NDSU Engineering

Dear Mr. Nathe and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the funding request for a new engineering building at NDSU. I am a graduate of NDSU, earning both a BS and MS in Civil Engineering in 1999 and 2002, respectively. I have served on the industrial advisory board for the NDSU Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Department for over 10 years. I have also worked for AE2S for 20 years where I have continued to guest lecture at NDSU and hire many of the great students being educated from the engineering department. I have firsthand understanding of the facilities at NDSU and the need to invest in the facilities for the needs of the industry and our state.

At AE2S, we are a specialized civil and environmental engineering firm with office across the state. We have over 320 total employees and over 170 engineers, many of which are NDSU graduates. In addition, we currently have over 40 open engineering positions that we are looking to fill. Having NDSU, a historically premier engineering school in our backyard has been critical to our growth and success.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota. I ask for your support for the NDSU engineering college.

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