

**GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER HB 1012 House Appropriations Committee Government Operations Division Chairman David Monson** January 19, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig, and I am the Director of Government Affairs for the Greater North Dakota Chamber. GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, with membership represented by small and large businesses, local chambers, and trade and industry associations across the state. We stand in support of House Bill 1012.

Transportation infrastructure is important to our members as a way to get goods to market. One of our policy priorities is to ensure that existing maintenance needs are met, along with future needs. Our membership covers all sectors and corners of the state. Transportation infrastructure is needed by all of them.

We also feel that it is important to support both Federal infrastructure funds designated for North Dakota and flexible matching state appropriations to maximize investment. We would encourage consideration of utilizing motor vehicle excise tax revenues for infrastructure investments.

Because of this, we would like to offer support for those aspects of HB 1012. Thank you for your consideration.

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