

March 10, 2023

Senator Terry Wanzek

Senate Appropriations Committee

Dear Senator Wanzek and Committee Members,

The Candlewood Suites in Dickinson is a travel industry partner with the ND Tourism Division. The funding that our state tourism receives for marketing directly benefits our property. It is a best practice to maintain and increase marketing to attract business, and we believe at the Candlewood Suites that ND Tourism delivers that for us.

Programs that can be developed to assist with new and exciting projects that attract new and returning visitors bring us business! The proposed \$50 million for a Destination Development Fund could be that tool that our local attractions or businesses need to move forward.

We support increasing the ND Tourism Division's marketing budget.

We support the proposed \$50 million Destination Marketing Fund.

Please support House Bill 1018!

Sincerely,

Tammy Jackson

Director of Sales

Candlewood Suites