

March 14, 2023

The Honorable Doug Larsen, Chairman

The Honorable Greg Kessel, Vice Chair

Members of the North Dakota Senate Committee on Industry and Business

RE: Letter in support of HB 1440 – March 15, 2023 Hearing

Dear Chairman Larsen and Members of the Industry and Business Committee,

The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) membership includes more than 1,400 member companies. The association supports regional and local mutual insurance companies on main streets across America and many of the country's largest national insurers. NAMIC member companies write over \$1.5 billion in annual premiums in the state. In North Dakota, we have 202 member companies, including 6 domiciled companies, which underwrite 89% of homeowners and 46% of auto insurance coverage.

NAMIC writes to urge the Committee to pass HB 1440 as currently written, which outlines regulatory framework for Delivery Network Companies (DNCs) operating in North Dakota.

The language in this bill, which is model legislation from the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) is the result of collaborative work amongst legislators, the insurance industry, trade organizations and others to come to the best possible outcome. NAMIC is supportive of passing the bill in its current form as it closely mirrors the NCOIL model.



NAMIC believes it is important to note that we feel strongly that language surrounding the “delivery available period” must remain in the bill. This language helps to clarify which insurance (the driver’s personal or the DNC who employs the driver) covers the driver during that period. Removing this language will create confusion for all parties involved and would likely lead to litigation if and when claims are filed.

For these reasons and others, NAMIC is happy to support HB 1440 as it is currently written. We hope the committee will strongly consider supporting the passage of this important legislation in its current form. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

NAMIC Regional Vice President, Midwest