

January 2, 2025

Chair, House Education and Environment Division

600 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Support for Train ND

Dear Chairman,

The purpose of the letter is to communicate the importance of TrainND and its request for funding and expansion. TrainND serves a critical role in helping the trucking industry train and find workers for this growing industry.

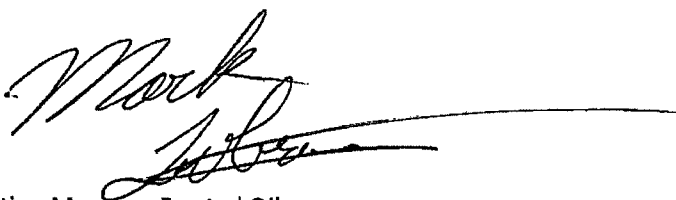
I have had the honor of serving on the TrainND SW advisory board for a year. Through this time, I have seen what an impact this program has had on the workforce shortages and their commitment to upskill workers in the state of North Dakota.

At Farstad Oil we have recruited several CDL drivers from the BSC CDL program. These drivers are now working at our different locations across North Dakota. The high level of skill these new drivers get going thru the BSC program has helped us keep a full roster of drivers even in a demanding labor market. The quality of the students that come out of the program speak to the quality of the program itself. We look to TrainND to assist us in finding good, qualified drivers to meet the needs of our growing business.

TrainND SW has trained over 300 drivers since its inception of the CDL program in 2021. The program continues to expand and offer additional opportunities across the region.

In conclusion, TrainND provides a value benefit for our state and bolsters our workforce by increasing knowledge, skills, and abilities. Farstad Oil supports the TrainND proposal for funding and expansion to help offer additional opportunities across the state.

Sincerely,



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