



GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER
SB 2012
House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division
Chair David Monson
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig, and I am the Vice President 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 Senate Bill 2012.

Transportation infrastructure is important to our members across a variety of sectors in order to get goods to market. In fact, North Dakota has the nation's most freight-dependent economy. Because of this, one of our policy priorities is to promote smart investment strategies to ensure that North Dakota has the infrastructure necessary to support and grow a thriving economy.

Specifically, we feel that the following components of SB 2012 are crucial to meet transportation infrastructure needs of the North Dakota business community.

- Deposit of 100% of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenues into the Flexible Transportation Fund.
- The 1% increase in the Legacy Earnings Fund and utilization of that increase for the Flexible Transportation Fund.
- Funding for Highway 85.

We hope that you will strengthen North Dakota's export opportunities by investing in transportation infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration.