

North Dakota Association of Builders

The North Dakota Association of Builders represents the professional building industry through legislation, information and education.



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Testimony in Support of SB 2239

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Chairman Jonathan Warrey

Chairman Warrey and Members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee,

My name is Brittney Roehrich and I'm the Chief Executive Officer for the North Dakota Association of Builders (NDAB). The NDAB represents the professional building industry through legislation, information and education with 1,400 members statewide. We are also chartered with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

On behalf of NDAB, I submit this testimony in **support** of Senate Bill 2239. The bill will provide financial grants to eligible individuals enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs within the state.

We are currently in a workforce and housing crisis where our members are in need of skilled workers in the residential and commercial building industry. It is vital to encourage our next generation to explore a career in the construction trades as experienced tradespeople are retiring every day.

Investment in this grant program would help young individuals with their education costs while also presenting participants with hands-on experience in a construction-related trade.

In conclusion, the North Dakota Association of Builders urges the committee to **support** Senate Bill 2239 to assist with our workforce shortage. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working together to build a stronger, more resilient housing market for our state.

Respectfully submitted,

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