TESTIMONY ON HB 1016

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Steve Snow, and I am the System Integration Specialist for the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). I am here to speak in favor of HB 1016.

We support adding full-time coordinators within the North Dakota National Guard to administer the Next Gen Leadership Program. The positions would oversee the leadership development program designed to provide a structured pathway for our North Dakota learners to become military ready, a key component of our Choice Ready initiative. It would dovetail nicely in the Military Pathway Program developed by the Center for Distance Education. We stand ready and are willing to provide necessary credentialling and partner with our fellow state agencies.

Chairman Wanzek and Members of the Committee, that concludes my prepared testimony, and I will stand for any questions that you may have.