



March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Senate Human Services Committee  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Support for HB 1394

Chairman Lee & Committee Members,

Please accept this letter as support for HB 1394 as amended in the House. The Williston Fire Department originally submitted opposition to this bill because the original wording did not provide adequate definitions and conflicted with other subsections of NDCC 23-27-01. As initially written, it would have prohibited our organization, and others, from operating multiple stations or staging locations within our jurisdiction. Our organization worked with the ND EMS Association to develop a proposal for an amendment that the House Human Services committee implemented.

The amended version of HB 1394 before you provides better clarification and allows organizations to continue operating out of multiple locations without any confusion about their status as substations. Although the issue of substations does not directly impact us, the clarity that HB 1394 is essential to the ongoing management of our operation. Therefore, we request your support by recommending HB 1394 as a "do pass."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey A. Johnson".

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