

**SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SENATOR MIKE WOBEMMA, CHAIR**

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY

MICHAEL HOWE, SECRETARY OF STATE

Chairman Wobemma and members of the committee, I'm Michael Howe, North Dakota Secretary of State. I am providing written testimony in support of HCR3006.

North Dakota relies on the United States Postal Service (USPS) to be reliable. As a rural state, North Dakota needs an efficient and reliable USPS for communication, to conduct business, and to allow citizens to participate in our elections. Our federal delegation has worked tirelessly to keep local distribution facilities open throughout our state and we support those efforts to ensure citizens and voters are able to participate in elections.

We thank the legislature for sending a strong message to the USPS which reiterates the same messages our offices shared in meetings and calls with USPS in administration of the 2024 election cycle. We ask for a DO PASS recommendation on HCR3006.