



### **FMWF Chamber Support for HB 1383**

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Chair Headland and members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee,

For the record, my name is Katherine Grindberg, and I have the pleasure of serving as the Executive Vice President of the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo (FMWF) Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to be a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity for businesses, members, and the greater community. On behalf of our over 1,900 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of House Bill 1383.

Every state across the United States is competing to attract, develop, and retain workforce, hoping to fill thousands of open jobs. In order for our state to effectively compete on a global scale for workforce, both the public and private sectors must identify innovative and multi-pronged solutions to address this crisis. Creative solutions, such as this, incentivize the hiring of apprentices, establishing a career pathway for our current and future workforce. The Chamber fully supports the sustainable implementation of a state apprenticeship tax credit, furthering workforce development in our state.

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank the committee for their time and consideration this morning.

Respectfully,

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