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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1040
State and Local Government Committee
March 9, 2023**

**Jamison Fuqua, Lead Fleet Maintenance Mechanic
City of Grand Forks, ND**

Madam Chairperson and members of the committee, My name is Jamison Fuqua and I am the Lead Fleet Maintenance Mechanic for the City of Grand Forks. I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and express my opposition to this legislation.

When I was looking at this position with the City of Grand Forks, one of the main attractions was the NDPERS plan. As a newer employee with the City of Grand Forks I am planning long term for my career and the pension plan with the City was second to none.

I could have taken a job with better pay, but the long-term stability that I get with the NDPERS plan with the city was one of the main selling points to taking the job.

I understand that there are costs at the state and local level associated with this plan, but please understand that this plan does impact the ability to find and retain employees.

I stand in opposition to this legislation.

Thank you.