

**Thompson, Emily L.**

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**From:** John Cook <jcook.nd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2016 12:33 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Emily L.  
**Subject:** Re: Presentation Request - Interim Political Subdivision Taxation Committee

Emily,  
 This information pertains to Springfield Group Angel Fund LLC

See comments next to your numbered items.

On Tue, May 10, 2016 at 5:12 PM, Thompson, Emily L. <[emilythompson@nd.gov](mailto:emilythompson@nd.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to extend a presentation request on behalf of Chairman Docker for the upcoming interim Political Subdivision Taxation Committee meeting. As was noted at the previous meeting, the committee members would be interested in receiving additional information regarding angel fund investments.

The committee is interested in receiving the following information to assist in its evaluation of state economic development tax incentives, to the extent you would be able and willing to provide the information.

1. The name of each enterprise in which your angel fund has invested since the angel fund credit became available in 2007.

Investment

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| i. Packet Digital, LLC             | Invested: \$2,176,515 |
| ii. Fargo Brewing Company, LLC     | Invested \$45,000     |
| iii. Proof Artisan Distillers, LLC | Invested \$45,000     |

2. The amount invested in each enterprise referenced above.

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3. Information pertaining to each enterprise including whether the enterprise is located in North Dakota or located outside of North Dakota, the type of business the enterprise conducts, and the number of North Dakota jobs associated with each enterprise.

- i. Packet: North Dakota company; power management integrated chips and unmanned aerial vehicle component manufacturing; about 20 jobs directly and an additional 15 jobs through a joint venture at Botlink LLC in Fargo.
- ii. Fargo Brewing: North Dakota company; Beer manufacturing; about 20 jobs.

iii. Proof Artisan Distillers: North Dakota company; Distilled Spirits manufacturing; about 15 jobs.

4. The total amount your angel fund has invested in primary sector businesses in North Dakota as compared to the total amount your fund has invested in all enterprises.

Springfield Group Angel Fund has invested **98.12% of the total funds collected in early to mid-primary industry companies in North Dakota**. The remainder is used for accounting and legal services.

5. Whether any investments have been at risk in your angel fund for less than the three years required pursuant to statute.

Springfield Group Angel Fund took its last individual investment from an investor in December 2014. These investments will stay in Springfield Group until at least December of 2017 to meet angel fund program requirements. The majority of Springfield Group investors have had their capital at risk for over 3 years.

The committee's preference would be to receive any information you are able to provide by May 20, 2016, in order to allow the committee members adequate time to review the information prior to the next meeting date. I will be in touch regarding your ability to present any information provided once a final meeting date has been selected.

I appreciate the willingness expressed by many of the angel fund representatives to assist the committee in its analysis of the angel fund credit and I look forward to hearing from you.

Let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,  
John Cook  
Springfield Group Angel Fund

Sincerely,

***Emily Thompson***

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