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Steve Salwei, P.E. – Transportation Programs Director**

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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'm Steve Salwei, Transportation Programs Director for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). This submitted testimony is in support of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute's (UGPTI) section of Senate Bill 2020.

The NDDOT utilizes Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) as a resource to assist in conducting research and special studies in areas where the Department lacks expertise, such as traffic modeling, preparing needs analysis, determining economic impacts and providing analysis on various transportation related topics. The services UGPTI provides are valuable to the State's transportation industry.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my submitted testimony.