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House Concurrent Resolution 3001
House Transportation Committee

Chairman Ruby members of the House Transportation Committee my name is Matt Gardner and I am here representing the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association(NDMCA). NDMCA supports HCR 3001.

The trucking industry is critical in transporting freight nationally and internationally. North Dakota trucking companies transport over 37,000 tons of freight per day. This industry provides over 28,000 jobs across the state but still face significant driver shortage. It is estimated that there is a 900,000 truck driver shortage in the US. With the consistent demand of moving freight by truck and the shortage of drivers it is important to look at alternative ways to move freight.

NDMCA supports the concept of road trains. Road train can move more freight with less drivers. NDMCA's concerns are the potential impacts on our road infrastructure and on safety.

NDMCA supports HCR 3001 if considerations to safety and infrastructure are considered. Here ends my testimony and I will answer any questions.