



Letter of Support – H.F. 500

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Chair Baker and members of the House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee,

My name is Cale Dunwoody, and I have the distinct pleasure of serving as the Vice President of Public Policy for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce (FMWF Chamber). On behalf of our more than 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of H.F. 500.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. We write to express concerns over the power currently bestowed upon the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board. Our concerns are the following:

- This unelected board has broad power to impart rules and mandates on nursing home facilities without financial appropriation power.
- The board has the power to expedite the rulemaking process to bypass public hearing obligations, bypass completion of a statement of need and reasonableness (SONAR) of the proposed rules and exclude employers from the decision process.

This board has the power to unjustly and unfairly impact employers and local communities by establishing standards and rules not reflecting the community's needs. Policy is best made by those impacted directly through a collaborative process including elected officials, employers, and community members. To ensure our local communities and care providers are supported – we urge you to support H.F. 500.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and commitment to Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Cale Dunwoody
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