January 6, 2020

Dear:

I am proud to offer my support for the Gateway to Science STEM center and their world-class learning center in Bismarck. For 25 years, the Gateway to Science has been providing hands-on learning experiences to classes and future scientists around the state; and now is the time to expand its capabilities in North Dakota.

Our young people need these STEM experiences early in their education journey to help meet our state’s future workforce needs. The Gateway to Science STEM center is a hands-on activity and learning center, exposing people of all ages to career skills and possibilities in every industry; from agriculture to energy and health sciences, weather, engineering and much more. This regional STEM development center is dedicated to bringing quality science, technology, engineering and math programming to help fill the future workforce needs; particularly in our oil and gas industry that is a large part of North Dakota’s economy.

The Gateway to Science staff and programming reaches more than 130 schools in North Dakota each year through sponsored field trips, and with their “Science on the Go” van they visited 60 locations outside of its Bismarck facility in 2019 alone. From rural communities to school districts large and small, Gateway to Science provides the quality STEM curriculum support they might not otherwise receive. It makes sense for North Dakota’s industries to support these efforts if we truly want to help teach and groom the next generation of STEM leaders in our state.

Our school systems do a good job of instilling the skills and knowledge in our young people. Gateway to Science is a critical component to a strategy in connecting the dots between academic knowledge and application in the workforce. Please consider partnering with the Gateway to Science and contribute to the future success of North Dakota.

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Ron Ness