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Selection Committee  
Immigrant Investor Pilot Program  
US Department of Homeland Security  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
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Dear Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to provide a letter of support to the proposed project from the UND Center for Innovation Foundation to secure an EB-5 Center designation for 20 counties in Northwest Minnesota and the entire state of North Dakota under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program through the US Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

As the region faces economic hardships, it is imperative that local municipalities, counties, government, and the private sector work together toward stimulating the local economy and bringing jobs to the unemployed and attracting new businesses to locate in our region.

Several cities throughout Northwest Minnesota and North Dakota have experienced some levels of unemployment never seen before. This is a rural area of the country that has been stressed for decades by outmigration and loss of jobs. Foreign Direct Investment under the EB-5 program will help turn the tide of high and steady outmigration that has resulted in low population in rural areas.

It is my opinion that the USCIS objectives for the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program will be well met with the approval of this grant from the UND Center for Innovation Foundation.

Thank you for your consideration. Please inform me as to your decision.

Sincerely,



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