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Dear Sirs:

As the Congressman from Minnesota's 8th District, I support the University of North Dakota Center for Innovation Foundation's application to include all of Minnesota in the North Dakota / Northwest Minnesota EB-5 Regional Center.

It is my understand that the University of North Dakota Center for Innovation Foundation is collaborating with Bemidji State University, a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, to provide EB-5 Regional Center support to the entire state of Minnesota. This EB-5 Regional Center designation would be under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program through the U.S. Immigration & Citizenship Services (USCIS).

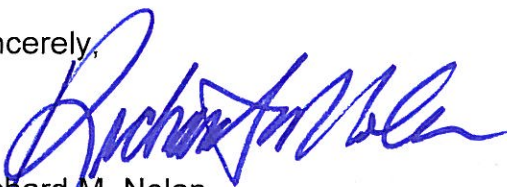
The EB-5 program will help our region's entrepreneurs and economic developers secure vital investment for employment growth. It is imperative that local and state government, the federal government and the private sector work together toward stimulating the local economy, bringing jobs to the unemployed and attracting new businesses to locate in rural Minnesota. 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.

The University of North Dakota Center for Innovation Foundation in collaboration with Bemidji State University is well positioned to lead this effort.

I fully support the University of North Dakota Center for Innovation Foundation's efforts to amend its designation to include all of Minnesota in collaboration with Bemidji State University and I look forward to working with you to make this effort a reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Nolan
Member of Congress