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### **North Dakota United Endorses Dotzenrod, Amerman and Kelsh**

BISMARCK, N.D. – With the 2016 election two weeks away, contests for the North Dakota Legislature are drawing attention from groups across the state. North Dakota United, the largest professional organization of educators and public employees in the state, has announced its endorsements in several key legislative races, including District 26.

“At North Dakota United, we are interested in two of the most important institutions in the state: Great Public Education and Great Public Service,” said Nick Archuleta, president of North Dakota United. “Ensuring excellence in each is at the heart of our organization and the reason that we exist. That is why, on behalf of our 11,500 members, NDU is proud to endorse Sen. Jim Dotzenrod for another term in the N.D. Senate, and Reps. Bill Amerman and Jerry Kelsh for the N.D. House of Representatives.”

Archuleta continued, “We are proud to endorse each of these individuals as they strive to serve the citizens of District 26. The citizens of District 26 can be assured that Dotzenrod, Amerman and Kelsh will stand up for our outstanding educators and public employees, here and across North Dakota.”

Sen. Dotzenrod, of Wyndmere, is a farmer. He has served in the N.D. Senate from 1978-94, and from 2009 until the present. Rep. Amerman, of Forman, works as a Fab Operator at Bobcat Co. in Gwinner. He has served in the N.D. House of Representatives since 2003. Rep. Kelsh, of Fullerton, is retired. He served in the N.D. Senate from 1985-2002, and has served in the N.D. House of Representatives since 2009.

“North Dakota United chooses candidates to recommend based on information collected through voting records, candidate surveys and face-to-face interviews with the ND United Political Action Committee (UPAC),” Archuleta said. “Our association takes a very deliberate

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and measured approach to making candidate endorsements. NDU's endorsements are based on candidate stances on the issues that we care passionately about, and not on any candidate's political affiliation."

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*North Dakota United is the largest union of public educators and employees in the state, representing more than 11,500 public school teachers, school staff, university faculty and staff, and city, county and state employees. Our union represents members in the state Capitol, the Legislature, in schools, on college campuses and at worksites across the state, and in our communities, promoting the great public education and great public services that the citizens of North Dakota deserve.*

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