

OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Tax Commissioner

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Commissioner Michael Houghton Chair, Scope and Program Committee Uniform Laws Commission 111 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 1010 Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Support for Continuing the ULC's Review of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act (UDIPTA)

Dear Commissioner Houghton:

I am writing to support the Uniform Law Commission's continued review and revision of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act. I do so because uniformity in apportionment of state tax bases is a critical consideration in maintaining efficient and fair administration of state taxes.

For over a half century, UDIPTA has been the basis for our uniformity efforts. The changing economy has created a situation where states must consider new tax base apportionment rules. Now it is time to provide states a revised model uniform Act to guide them in these considerations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. It is critical that this review be allowed to run its course and not be short-circuited.

Sincerely,

Cory Fon

Tax Commissioner

Cc: Joe Huddleston, Executive Director, Multi-State Tax Commission Senator Dwight Cook, North Dakota

