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North Dakota Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors and members,

It was once again a good and busy trip to Washington, DC for the REALTOR® Party Conference and Trade Expo, formerly the Mid-Year meetings. I have the honor to serve as the Chairman for the RPAC Participation Council, a council that was formed only last year and has already been assigned a daunting task. Our goal to increase participation is lofty, we are hoping to reach a participation rate of 37% across our membership. We were able to report that our participation YTD is at 22%, up over 20,000 members from this point last year. North Dakota is once again leading the pack in participation and we hope those numbers only improve with fundraisers this spring and summer.

The position of chairman puts me in many meetings, including the RPAC fundraising trustees, which met while in DC as well. Further meetings included those with leaders of the Women's Council of REALTORS®, the Commercial brokers, the Young Professionals Network, the Association Executives and the Government Affairs Directors. Many of those meetings precluded me from attending the hill visits with our delegation this year.

I am also an at-large member of the Strategic Thinking Advisory Group serving a three-year term. Our meetings on that group coincided with the most important meetings of the trip; meeting with the Federal Issues and Mobilization Committee. Many thanks to Greg Larsen and Nancy Willis who presented our Measure 2 proposal for phase 2 and 3 funding this summer and fall. This issue, the transfer tax ban placed into our state's constitution, will ultimately be the largest issue funded campaign in our association's history. We look forward to everyone's participation in breaking all records this November with a YES vote on the NEW Measure 2.

Further meetings included with RPR for a video shown at the BOD, the RPAC table for President's Circle, the receptions for Golden R and PC members and the most humbling of all, the RPAC Hall of Fame banquet where I was honored to join three other NDAR members for induction.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our association at the national level and thank you to those in attendance for their understanding to the time and schedule commitment required of my attendance while in Washington DC.

Sincerely,  
Scott Louser, Chair 2014 RPAC Participation Council  
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