



March 16, 2021

Dear House Human Services Committee,

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee, Family Policy Alliance of North Dakota would like to formally indicate its support of Senate Bill 2145.

We believe that elderly North Dakotans should never be excluded from personal interaction with their family members and friends, particularly with no end in sight, as with the COVID-19 pandemic. The endless extensions that became months of isolation is beyond the pale for any citizen of our state, let alone those who are most frail and vulnerable.

We have heard from many families how their parents or grandparents who were once vibrant and energetic elderly citizens have “withered away” because of isolation that has led to despair, depression, and other emotional trauma. Please take a firm stand to value and protect our elderly, so that we can ensure that this travesty will never happen again in our state. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for a “DO PASS” committee recommendation on SB2145.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Jorritsma".

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