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Dear North Dakota Legislators,

I'm writing in support of the SB 2224 request for medical assistance coverage of metabolic supplements which are medically necessary for standard treatment for individuals with inborn errors of metabolism.

It has been my pleasure to work with the North Dakota Newborn Screening Program over the past seven years, identifying and treating babies with inborn errors of metabolism. Through the efforts of Program Director Joyal Meyer RN, MSN and Follow-Up Coordinator Amy Burke RN, the North Dakota Newborn Screening Program tracks these children and works to ensure that they continue to receive medically necessary treatments. It is truly rewarding to see these children growing and thriving in our schools and communities. The investment of covering medically necessary metabolic supplements for individuals with inborn errors of metabolism is returned manyfold in avoiding devastating and costly medical complications in these individuals.

Thank you, in advance, for consideration of the medical needs of North Dakotans with inborn errors of metabolism, in particular those diagnosed via the North Dakota state newborn screening program.

Sincerely,

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