## SB 2246

## House Judiciary Committee March 17, 2021

Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Chairman Klemin, members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the executive director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the delivery of indigent defense services in North Dakota. I rise today on behalf of the Commission to provide testimony in support of SB 2246.

The Commission supports the establishment of evidence based alternative courts as pathways for recovery. The establishment of a veteran's court docket serves as a model to serve and protect those who have served and protected. Furthermore, evidence suggests the use of veteran's court has had success in diverting individuals from prison and back to productive members of society.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, on behalf of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, we urge a do pass recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:

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