

January 7, 2021

The Honorable Dan Ruby
Chairman, House Transportation Committee
North Dakota State Capitol
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

Re: HB 1098 “Relating to reporting crashes and obtaining crash reports and data”

Dear Chairman Ruby:

I am writing on behalf of RELX Group and LexisNexis Risk Solutions, a leader in providing essential information to help customers across industry and government assess, predict and manage risk, to respectfully request a small technical amendment to HB 1098 “Relating to reporting crashes and obtaining crash reports and data”.

In section five of the bill, we request the following change:

39-08-13(5)

Upon ~~affirmation by request from~~ a party to the ~~accident~~ crash, a party's legal representative, ~~or~~ the insurer of any party to the ~~accident that the investigating officer's opinion is material to a determination of liability~~ crash, **OR THE AGENT OF THAT INSURER** and upon payment of a fee of ~~five~~ up to seven dollars, the director ~~or investigating agency~~ shall release a completed copy of the ~~investigating officer's opinion~~ crash report to the entity requesting the information. The request must be made on an ~~appropriate~~ the form ~~approved~~ prescribed by the director.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions is an insurance support organization. This amendment would ensure alignment of 39-08-13(5) with 39-08-13(4) which, under current law and in the proposed bill, permits agents of insurers to access exempt information in crash reports. This small change would ensure that an agent of the impacted insurer is able to access complete crash reports.

Thank you for your consideration of the requested amendment to HB 1098 which will result in our support of this legislation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either via e-mail at gabby.reed@relx.com or at 202-403-7893.

Sincerely,



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