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Honorable Ray Holmberg, Chairman

Testimony of the North Dakota Association of Community Providers
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The North Dakota Association of Community Providers (NDACP) is the membership organization of thirty agencies licensed to provide home and community based services to North Dakotans with developmental disabilities. The North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project (P&A) has jurisdiction to ensure the legal rights of the people we serve.

We appreciate the collaborative attitude of P&A during the COVID-19 emergency and their commitment to helping us protect both the safety and individual rights of the people we serve. A collaborative approach conserved valuable resources and enhanced the well being and safety of the people we serve.

NDACP commends the partnership and commitment to quality services demonstrated by P&A and the DD Division in streamlining the investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation (ANE). P&A demonstrated leadership to focus their resources on cases most in need of outside assistance and support, while allowing the majority of allegations to be investigated and handled proactively by providers. Pilots of these new procedures are underway. While rules and policies may need to be adjusted, we wish to report initial success in this collaboration. Best of all, the ANE process will focus on improving the quality of future services.

I would be happy to answer any questions today or in the future. I have inserted my contact information below, along with that of Bruce Murry, our Executive Director.

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