

As a lifetime North Dakotan, I'm continuously grateful for the public servants that keep our communities safe. Each individual that chooses to serve, either as a police officer, firefighter, etc, not only sacrifices themselves, they make a sacrifice for their family. As we continue to need the most talented folks willing to serve, I believe it is imperative that North Dakota provides health insurance benefits to the widow and family members of a fallen servant in the line of duty. I also believe that North Dakota needs to consider how to support the mental health for the family of the servant that dies in the line of duty.

As an extended family member to Officer Cody Holte, who died serving his community in Grand Forks, I watched first hand how the tragedy interrupted the lives of our family and all of Officer Holte's friends and colleagues. I believe this effort will be extremely important for our state to attract the talent needed to keep our state safe as well as support the families of lost leaders in such painful times.

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