

Testimony in support of SB 2334

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Chairman Klein, Committee Members - for the record my name is Scott Osadchuk, I am the director of Bismarck Surgical Associates, an ambulatory surgery center in Bismarck ND. I have been in the medical field since 1990, I worked in the hospital system as staff and management until 2007 then made the switch to ambulatory surgery.

I'm asking for your support for Senate Bill 2334 which allows ambulatory surgical centers the ability to monitor and treat their surgical patients for up to 48 hours following surgery without sending them to a hospital facility; something that is many times a burden, and drives costs up for patients and the healthcare system.

I frequently hear our pre op nursing staff discussing accommodations with our patients from out of town because they do not have a place to stay and live too far away to drive home after surgery. I also hear our physicians say how many of their older patients would like to have surgery at a lower cost center and be less exposed to the illnesses circulating in the local hospitals. These issues are of particular importance during the COVID pandemic and has become a request we hear frequently.

As we all continue to look for more efficient and effective methods to treat patients, SB 2334 allows a real option, and patients will have more freedom of choice and also have more availability to get their elective surgeries completed.

Thank you for your consideration Mr. Chairman, and I respectfully ask the Committee for a DO PASS recommendation on Senate Bill 2334.