

Testimony on HB 1108

House Human Services Committee

January 15, 2025

Good morning, Chairman Ruby and members of the committee,

My name is Madison Hanson, and I am here today as a concerned citizen to express my support for HB 1108 which aims to help individuals access mental health treatment across state boundaries.

Timely and appropriate mental health care is crucial and impacts countless individuals across our state. Expanding access to care not only addresses immediate mental health needs but also promotes stability and supports people on their path to recovery.

HB 1108 presents a meaningful opportunity to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness. By promoting continuity of care and removing barriers, this bill ensures that individuals can access the treatment they need, regardless of where they live or where they may need to travel. As a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in North Dakota, I understand how important it is for people to receive the care they require when and where they need it.

In closing, I respectfully ask the committee to vote yes on HB 1108. It represents a step forward in improving access to mental health care and enhancing the well-being of individuals across our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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