

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, my name is Jim Cornelius, I am the Executive Director of Benedictine Living Community in Wahpeton. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the proposed changes to resident rights regulations as outlined in engrossed Senate Bill 2070.

At the start of the Legislative session, our review of Senate Bill 2070 revealed that while Basic Care (BC) and Assisted Living (AL) were categorized as health care facilities, the proposed updates did not fully reflect their unique levels of care. Following the Senate Human Services hearing, we worked alongside the State Ombudsman and providers to address these gaps, ensuring the revisions recognized the distinct differences between skilled nursing, BC, and AL.

We support the revisions that have been submitted!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to include our input!

Sincerely,

*Jim Cornelius*