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LaMoure County Public Health Department

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Dear Chairman Ruby and Committee Members,

My Name is Jessica Duffy. I am the Director of LaMoure county Public Health Department as well as a volunteer of the Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure. As the director of Public Health, I support local EMS for our citizens. As a volunteer member of the EMS, I understand the value of local training and education for our members and I support SB 2100

SB 2100 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-27-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to emergency medical services personnel training.

This bill is important for the survival of our rural ambulances and fire departments. Our rural services are mostly operated by volunteers who work full-time jobs and traveling to other larger cities for training creates a hardship. If we do not pass this bill allowing local trainers to train our rural locals, we will have fewer and fewer volunteers to operate these services.

Line 18-21 of SB 2100

Rules adopted must allow emergency medical services instructors to provide direct, **entry-level** certification training for the levels of emergency medical responder and emergency medical technician, under the oversight of the department and **without the requirements of an emergency medical services training institute.**

Ask yourself, why is it good for North Dakota to reduce our options for lifesaving education? The instructors for the classes all received training and certification to teach these basic lifesaving skills. The more people trained in Emergency Medical Response the better! Rural instructors train local community members to care for our people in emergency situations and to provide basic lifesaving care like CPR, Heimlich maneuver and stop the bleed.

Passing this BILL supports EDUCATION options for rural communities.

I support the local education option for rural emergency services.

Thank you,
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