

Testimony on HB 1108

Senate Human Services Committee

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Good morning, Chairwoman Lee and members of the committee,

My name is Madison Hanson, and I speak today as a concerned citizen to voice my strong support for HB 1108, a bill designed to expand access to mental health treatment across state lines.

Mental health care should be available when and where people need it. Delays in accessing treatment can have significant consequences, impacting not only individuals but also families and communities. By supporting access to care across state boundaries, HB 1108 removes unnecessary barriers and ensures that individuals receive timely, consistent support.

This bill represents an important step in strengthening our mental health system. When people can access treatment without geographic limitations, they are better positioned to maintain stability, continue recovery, and lead healthier lives. As a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) North Dakota, I understand the importance of uninterrupted access to care.

I respectfully ask the committee to vote yes on HB 1108. Expanding access to mental health treatment is not only beneficial, it is necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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