



## **Senate Industry and Business Committee**

### **SB 2204**

**January 22, 2025**

Chairman Barta, Vice Chairman Boehm and Committee Members, I am Courtney Koebele, the Executive Director of the North Dakota Medical Association. The North Dakota Medical Association is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents, and medical students. NDMA supports SB 2204.

This issue was brought to NDMA's attention by its current president, Stephanie Dahl. She will give her story today. Because of her advocacy, NDMA adopted a policy statement in 2023:

NDMA should work with other healthcare leaders in North Dakota, including the ND Department of Health and Human Services, to raise radon awareness in the community through its communications and advocacy. Further, NDMA should work with other stakeholders to submit a bill for the 2025 session requiring residential property sellers and landlords to disclose knowledge of radon testing and mitigation in their properties and provide information to buyers and tenants about the dangers of radon and the importance of testing.

According to the EPA, radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, and still many people are not aware of what radon gas is. This bill is the start to help increase public awareness.

The North Dakota Real Estate Commission disclosure form mentions radon but merely asks if the house has been tested for radon. Radon is not included in the statute. SB 2204 includes radon in the statute and notifies home buyers that radon is a radioactive gas that may present health risks if exposed to high levels over time. It also notifies buyers that high levels of radon have been found in North Dakota residential and commercial real property.

We urge a DO PASS on SB 2204. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions.