

House Appropriations Committee **IN SUPPORT** – HB 1012 – DHS Budget – Medicaid Expansion January 26, 2021 Josh Askvig, AARP North Dakota <u>jaskvig@aarp.org</u> (701) 355-3642

Chairman Nelson and members of the House Appropriations Human Resources Division, I am Josh Askvig, State Director at AARP North Dakota.

AARP is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization with more than 84,000 members in North Dakota. Our mission is to empower people to choose how they live as they age.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the continuation of Medicaid Expansion. As you know, Medicaid Expansion covers approximately 22,000 North Dakotans 33% of which are between the ages of 50-64. Ensuring access to quality healthcare is a priority for AARP and we appreciate the work of the legislature to implement it here in North Dakota. It should continue.

Again, we appreciate the time to raise issues important to North Dakotans 50+ and would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.