

March 9, 2021

RE: HB 1012 – Section 11 Developmental Disability Program

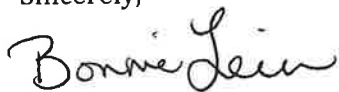
Dear Chairman Holmberg and members of the committee,

As a caregiver of a person receiving Developmental Disability Services, I am writing to express my opposition to eliminating Section 11 funding as outlined in HB 1012. This program serves individuals who would otherwise “fall through the cracks” without the support provided by this program.

The individuals receiving Section 11 services continue to need these services to live normally in the community as viable, employed and self-reliant citizens. We provide money management services, medical appointment assistance, in-home and self-care services to them. These services are the only services they qualify for, and without them they cannot function properly in the community.

I strongly urge you to continue to fund this program and to provide continuity to those receiving Section 11 supports. Thank you for your continued service to the people of North Dakota and for your consideration of continuing this service that supports people with disabilities to be as independent as possible in their communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Lein".

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