

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.

I PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL IN SECTION 11. THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THESE SERVICES FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS. IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH ON PAPER, BUT IT'S WHAT HAS PROVIDED THEM WITH A SUPPORT SYSTEM TO FUNCTION FROM DAY TO DAY. WITHOUT THESE SERVICES MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE FACING HOMELESSNESS, GREATER HEALTH ISSUES, JOB LOSS, EARLY NURSING HOME PLACEMENT, OR WORSE, DEATH. ALL OF WHICH WILL COST THE STATE MORE FINANCIALLY IN THE LONG TERM, AS THESE SERVICES ARE CRITICAL FOR THOSE IN THE PROGRAM.

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,

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