

TESTIMONY ON HB 1395
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am Kristin Lunneborg, CFO at the North Dakota Veterans Home. I am here today to provide testimony in support of HB 1395.

To date, the North Dakota Veterans Home has received \$462,040 in federal CARES Act funding. This funding has been used for such things as personal protective equipment, chemicals, medical equipment, equipment and software programs that allow for the automation of processes currently done in group settings, expenses to set up a separate COVID unit within the facility and hand free fixtures. At the time the funding was requested, we were operating under the guidelines that the money needed to be expended by December 30, 2020.

But our expenses did not stop on December 30, 2020. The battle with COVID 19 is not over. As a healthcare facility we still have a long road ahead of us. With the extension of the timeline for spending CARES Act funds, there are still several opportunities for us to make lasting improvements that will help us in our fight against COVID 19, not to mention on-going expenses for PPE, chemicals etc. For this reason, we are respectfully requesting an additional \$475,000 from the unspent CARES Act funds being reallocated in HB 1395.

Chairman Homberg and committee members, this concludes my testimony. I ask for your support for HB 1395 with the proposed amendment. Thank you and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.