

Dear Financial and Taxation Committee,

My name is Rick Lemke of Fargo, ND and I am reaching out to encourage support for SB 2149.

I want every last person in North Dakota to live a long and healthy life. I know there will be times that some of our residents will go through tough times and they will make the decision to call 988 to seek help in their hour of need. I want that call to be answered. I want my fellow North Dakotan to get the assistance they need.

Adding a surcharge to my cellphone bill to ensure that a life is saved is easy to support. This is an issue that transcends beliefs and political affiliation. This is literally life and death on some calls and EVERYBODY should support SB 2149 when it will cost mere pennies to make a difference.

I ask that your committee do the right thing here. I ask you to compare this important bill to others that you've supported. I bet few others have had such implications as this one that will fund agencies who can be there to change a mind and save a life.

Respectfully,

Rick Lemke – Fargo, ND