

House Human Services Committee

Chairman Weisz and other members of the Committee. I am Rebecca Quinn and serve as program director at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The Center for Rural Health is contracted by the Department of Human Services to operate the North Dakota Brain Injury Network. My testimony today is on behalf of all the individuals and families impacted by brain injury in North Dakota.

My testimony today is in support of House Bill 1418 which offers clarification of membership for the Brain Injury Advisory Council. The proposed language in HB 1418 would create two new non-voting positions on the Brain Injury advisory council; a representative from adults and aging services and a brain injury advocacy organization. These positions would increase the content expertise of the advisory council and will be in alignment with North Dakota's commitment to the development of a seamless system of care for individuals with brain injury in North Dakota.

Thank you for your time and I welcome any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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