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ND Human Services Committee

Chairman Weisz and House Human Service Committee Members,

My name is Tim Mathern and I serve on interim committees that often raise the issue of the need for healthcare directive agents and guardianship services. I introduced SB 2125 to clarify an issue where a form is not completed.

You will note on page 9 that a major change is to delete the section of the present law regarding a form that includes the acceptance of a person named as an agent for health care decisions. This has proven to be a detriment to the services needed as we have learned that that section is not needed. Others are here to testify how that is the case.

I ask you for a Do Pass recommendation on SB2125.

Thank you.

Senator Tim Mathern