

## House Human Services Committee

Senate Bill 2265 – March 8, 2023

### Testimony of Daniel Gulya, Attorney, Protection and Advocacy

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee:

My name is Dan Gulya; I am an attorney with the North Dakota Protection & Advocacy Project (P&A). P&A protects the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities. The agency's programs and services seek to make positive changes for people with disabilities where we live, learn, work and play.

P&A supports this effort to help individuals access the Medicaid and Medicare services that may be available for them under a dual supplemental needs plan. We appreciate the detail laid out by DHHS indicating that the primary focus of the new FTE will be care coordination and navigation. Getting in the right door is the first step to treatment. Understanding the eligibility process, what services are available and where, is an important first step in accessing the services that North Dakota is attempting to provide.

You can help individuals and make a prudent fiscal choice for North Dakota at the same time. I respectfully request support for SB 2276. Thank you, and I would be glad to answer any questions.

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