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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Daniel Gulya and I am an attorney with the Projection & 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.

For several years now P&A has worked collaboratively with various entities within North Dakota to include the Department of Corrections, the Department of Human Services, our county jails, and community-based partners to address the high percentage of individuals with disabilities who become involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

P&A strongly supports the proposed study in this House Concurrent Resolution, with an emphasis on re-entry services and the

efforts to address the high percentage of recidivism that we experience within the state. This topic is very important, and I would suggest that the Committee consider changing this to a shall study rather than one that may be considered by Legislative Management.

Thank you so much for your time today. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at danigulya@nd.gov or by phone at P&A, (701) 328-3975.