As an past member of the ND SAR Advisory Committee, EMS squad leader, LEO and Emergency Management exercise designer, I would strongly urge the legislature to act favorable on this proposal. Search and Rescue is a very under represented disciple in North Dakota, especially when compared to neighboring states. Currently there is no consistent standard for SAR operation and few dedicated resources. What expertise does exist in ND is in

This measure would give SAR volunteers a much needed recognition of their dedication and expertise.