

Dear ND House Transportation Committee and House Members,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 2362. I was born and raised in Bismarck. Since then, I have been a Certified Emergency Room Nurse in various hospitals across the country. Since moving back to Bismarck 1 year ago, I have been working with Sanford Bismarck in the Trauma Program as the Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Over the past 8 years of my career, I've seen countless injuries and deaths related to motor vehicle crashes. I've cared for patients with devastating injuries after being ejected from a vehicle. I've cried with families who have lost a loved one in a crash. I've witnessed people walk out of my department unscathed after a horrific crash – because they were wearing their seat belt. I am passionate about Emergency Room nursing, and part of that passion involves educating the public on how to keep themselves from becoming a patient. I truly believe that more lives would be saved and injuries prevented if everybody who was travelling in a car wore their seatbelt.

I urge you to please vote to pass SB 2362. I believe that this could be a hugely effective step toward preventing more tragedies on North Dakota roadways.

Thank you for your time,

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