Dear ND House Transportation Committee and House Members,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 2362. I was born and raised in ND. I have been a Registered Nurse for 24 years with the past 18 years directly involved with trauma patients.

Over the past 18 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 comforted and consoled families who have lost a loved one in a crash and I've witnessed people walk out of the emergency department unscathed after a horrific crash, because they were wearing their seat belt. I am passionate about trauma nursing, and part of that passion involves educating the public on how to keep themselves safe because NOONE is immune from trauma. 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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