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Dear North Dakota House Transportation Committee and House Members:

I am strongly urging a DO PASS vote on Senate Bill 2362.

I am a Registered Nurse that has worked in public health and have been involved with injury prevention for over 16 years. I became a child passenger safety technician as a young nurse to help save the lives of children and I quickly discovered that in order to save the lives of children I needed to be able to reach the adults that cared for these children. I have seen evidence on how an effective primary seat belt law has helped to increase compliance of seat belt use, and decreases injuries and deaths.

I am a resident of Grand Fork, ND and I am also a mother of 4 children myself. My oldest is 16 and a newly license driver and wears his seat belt every time he gets in the car. My youngest is 7 and buckles herself in her car seat every time we get in the car. They do this because I wear my seat belt every time I get in the car. Children need role models to show them how to make good choices. A primary seat belt law for adults could make a huge difference.

I would encourage you to support senate bill 2362 as it comes before you in the North Dakota House of Representatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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