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House Bill 1004

Public Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services budget
8:30 a.m., March 9, 2023, Senate Appropriations – Human Resources Division

Good morning, Chairman Dever and members of the Senate Appropriations – Human Resources Committee. I am Javayne Oyloe, Executive Officer of Upper Missouri District Health Unit, which provides services in Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail and Williams Counties. I have worked in public health for 27 years and in my current position since 2009. I am in support of the provision for an additional \$2.75 million in state aid to local public health.

North Dakota Century Code requires local public health to provide services to our residents regardless of ability to pay in most cases. Local public health agencies are expected and often required to provide services and reach people that private and other government agencies are unable to address. In other words, we are the gap fillers.

Funding is needed to address workforce needs, work on community initiatives, and respond to unexpected public health issues. For instance during the oil boom, UMDHU went from permitting 40 septic systems to 1100, and experienced other increased demand for programs or services within the four counties we serve. Thank you for your consideration.

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