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Good morning, Chairman Dever and members of the Committee. My name is Trina Gress, I am a Vice President of Community Options. I stand here before you in support of SB 2012.

Community Options is a current contracted provider who serves Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) clientele.

North Dakota is in a crisis situation with a shortage of workforce. These EA programs all work together to support families in need so they can enter the workforce. Our job is to help the clients get employment or training to better their family. We need your help to support the EA budget so these families have childcare and other supportive services so they can go to work or school. Let me share a few stories with you.

In conclusion, Community Options supports SB 2012. We appreciate the collaborative partnership we have with DHHS and we encourage you to pass the DHHS EA budget.

Thank you for your time, are there any questions?

Sincerely Submitted,

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