

Senate Appropriations-Human Resources Division

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Chairman Dever and members of the Committee. My name is Nan Kennelly, and I am a Speech-Language Pathologist in Fargo, ND. I am both owner and treating clinician at Onword Therapy, a private practice that specializes in the treatment of cognitive-communication impairments related to brain injury. I am also the current chair of the governor appointed North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council. I am unable to be present in person today, so am submitting my written testimony today is in support of all individuals and families in North Dakota who are living with brain injury.

I support the funding for brain injury services in Senate Bill 2012. These services benefit the individuals I serve and all North Dakotans with brain injury. Currently, the Brain Injury Advisory Council is working on a strategic plan for North Dakota. An identified priority in this plan is the need to expand the services currently offered by the North Dakota brain Injury Network. I would appreciate your support of expanding the funding for brain injury in Senate Bill 2012 so we can better serve North Dakota residents and families who are living with brain injury.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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