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Senate Human Services Committee

Chair Lee and other members of the Committee. I am Rebecca Quinn and serve a program director at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The Center for Rural Health is contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services to operate the North Dakota Brain Injury Network.

I am writing in favor of HB 1049. This bill will clarify the zoning requirements for agency foster homes for adults. Agency foster home for adults are a new service in North Dakota developed in 2019 to provide community support services or residential habilitation. So far North Dakota has had three homes open and more are in various stages of opening. This level of care will fill a much-needed gap in the continuum of care for individuals with brain injury in our state. It is my hope that clarification of the zoning regulations will assist in paving the way for more homes to open.

Respectfully submitted,

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