

Testimony in Favor of House Bill 1416

Dear Madam Chair Lee, Vice Chairman Cleary, and Senate Human Services Committee members,

My name is Marissa Wuori. As a nurse, I consider providing the best care for my patients a vocation, and a priority. Recently, this crossed over into my personal life. My 19 year old daughter was recently diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer at a local health system, with plans for chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery which would have horrible side effects, but hopefully buy some time in a diagnosis that has a dismal prognosis. Fortunately, we did not have narrow network insurance, so were able to seek care at Mayo. While there, we were told that my daughter did NOT have cancer. In fact, she had a benign tumor for which surgery alone would be curative. We feel so blessed to have insurance that enabled us to seek care from a provider of our choice so that we could get the best care for our daughter. We feel this is something that all North Dakotans deserve. Therefore, I am asking you to Vote YES in favor of HB 1416. Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.