

Testimony of Nancy Joyner, President, Honoring Choices® North Dakota
Before the Senate Human Services Committee
For SB 2125

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nancy Joyner. I am a Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialist and have been president of Honoring Choices® North Dakota for the greater part of seven years.

The vision of Honoring Choices® North Dakota is that the health care choices that a person makes becomes the health care the person receives. Our goal is to assist communities to develop a successful advanced care planning process. To do so, it is important to provide seamless and ease in advanced care planning conversations and processes, which includes completion of health care directives. It has become increasingly difficult to get health care directives completed. The extra step of getting the health care agent to sign the document often creates yet another roadblock. I strongly urge a DO PASS recommendation for SB 2125 in removing the requirement for the signature of the health care agent. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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