



2023 SENATE BILL 2129

Senate Human Services Committee

Senator Judy Lee, Chairman

January 23, 2023

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Melissa Hauer, General Counsel/VP, of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA). I provide this testimony in support of Senate Bill 2129. We ask that you give this bill a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Hospitals support continued funding for alternatives-to-abortion programs. These programs provide a network of services to promote childbirth and support a woman and her family to help them make informed choices and give a range of services to support them throughout pregnancy and the first year of raising a baby.

Hospitals support funding to improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women to be able to choose sound health related behaviors thereby improving prenatal care and, ultimately, resulting in healthier babies and families.

In summary, we ask that you give the bill a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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