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Good morning, Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee.

My name is Theresa Will, and I am the Administrator at City-County Health District (CCHD) in Valley City. Our agency provides public health services for the citizens of Barnes County.

Many years ago, it was determined that all land in North Dakota would be in a public health unit. At that time, there was much to be learned about public health, which may have been the reason that core functions were not included in century code at that time.

Although public health continues to evolve and change as the science supports change, there are specific functions that should be required of each local public health unit. Providing the core functions listed within this bill, assures the public that every citizen will have access to a set of base services. All local public health units currently provide these core services and then augment those services to serve their communities most appropriately.