



2023 Senate Bill 2181
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
January 18, 2023

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Tim Blasl, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA). I testify in support of Senate Bill 2181 and ask that you give the bill a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Hospitals support this bill because it provides coverage for the duration of the pregnancy and the postpartum period consisting of twelve months.

Hospitals feel postpartum visits provide an opportunity to assess a woman's recovery from a pregnancy. By extending the postpartum period this helps ensure pregnant women receive all the services needed.

NDHA supports insurance coverage, and this bill provides it.

Please give the bill a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

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