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Written Testimony in Support of **SB 2341**

Chair Lee and honorable members of the House Human Services Committee:

My name is Lisa Giese and I am the Foster Care Supervisor at Roughrider North Human Service Zone in Dickinson, ND. Roughrider covers the counties of Stark, Golden Valley, Billings, Dunn and Hettinger.

I am writing in support of SB 2341.

When children are removed from their homes due to the child/ren being unsafe, the Human Service Zones are charged with the legal responsibility and authority of placing children in foster homes, with family, or other placements such as Home on the Range. This has always been a challenge, however, much more so in the recent years. Our youth today are exposed to horrific and unimaginable things. Youth who are victims or likely victims of Trafficking require a specialized treatment modality. Home on the Range has laid out a specific and well-researched treatment program. It also appears this plan would be cost effective to North Dakota. Investing in our youth is also a smart choice.

I am asking that you **DO PASS** SB 2341.

Thank you for your time.

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