North Dakota Right to LIFE

Chairwoman Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee –

My name is Sierra Heitkamp and I am the Legislative Director for North Dakota Right to Life. I am here today to represent the interests and legislative initiatives of their base comprised of 3700 citizens across the state of North Dakota.

Today we have before us SB 2150 which is intended to clarify definitions in North Dakota's century code regarding current laws that have been passed. After reading through the bill, there are many opportunities to identify the consistent changes made by this bill to update and clarify language.

With my time today, I would take this opportunity to point out a few changes that are important to our members at NDRL. First, this bill adds in language defining a medical emergency in the case that a woman that is outside the outlined exceptions would be able to receive necessary care from her doctor. SB 2150 also updates our reporting laws regarding the practice of abortion which is beneficial when collecting data on abortion across North Dakota.

I ask this committee today for a ***Do Pass recommendation on SB 2150*** in order to solidify the values of North Dakotans by correcting these obstacles in our current laws.

Thank you for your time today and I will now stand for any questions that the committee may have.

Sincerely,

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