Senate Judiciary Committee
Sen. Diane Larson, Chair
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SB 2199

Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Neil Roesler, Executive Director for Legal Services at Sanford Health Fargo. My testimony is in opposition to Senate Bill 2199. Sanford Health ask that you give this bill a **Do Not Pass** recommendation.

Among other things, by virtue of relationships with Medicaid, North Dakota's universities, and various state grants and programs, this bill will apply to virtually every North Dakota healthcare facility.

We have a calling and an obligation to compassionately treat all patients with respect, dignity, and in line with their reasonable requests for accommodation. This bill would mandate that healthcare facilities ignore the sincerely-held desires of a subset of our patient population, starting them at a disadvantage in comparison to our other patients.

In order to properly fulfill our mission to treat all patients to the best of our ability, we oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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