

Senate Transportation Testimony

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I am testifying in support of Bill No. 4004. I use transit services every day. The service is unreliable, pickup and drop off can be late, it's hard to plan my life around rides. When I ride transit, for example, I just tried to schedule a ride for January 23, 2023 at 5 p.m. Transit cannot come get me until 6:50-7:20 p.m. when I need to be picked up at 5 p.m. In the past, when I've been places past 5 p.m. I have had to wait outside alone or someone has had to wait with me. In the cold, this can be very dangerous.

I think this study should be mandatory so we can figure out a better way to provide public transportation services to people all over North Dakota. This isn't just a Bismarck need, this is a need for individuals with disabilities who need to use public transportation. To make this study mandatory, I think the committee should consider an amendment to make sure this study occurs.

Thank you for your time serving our state and for listening/reading my testimony. I urge you to vote yes on Bill No. 4004 and make this study mandatory. People with disabilities are in crisis, we need help now.

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Testimony Talking Points – Individuals Who Support, But Don't Have Direct Lived Experience

Name

Where you live

Voting district

I am testifying in support of Bill No. _____ for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legally responsible individuals providing Medicaid waiver services.

Your story

- Why are you in support of this bill?
- Who do you know that could benefit?

How a lack of service providers has impacted those who you know are experiencing hardship

- Lack of daycare
- Workforce issues/staff availability
- Quality of available workforce

The positive effects that families as paid service providers would have on those experiencing hardship

- Keep family unit intact
- Close the workforce gap
- Consistency and quality of care
- Are siblings in the home providing care?

Thank you for your time serving our state and for listening/reading my testimony. I urge you to vote yes on Bill No. _____ and for it to go into effect July 1, 2023. Families are in crisis, they need help now.

Name

Email

Phone number