Testimony in Support of HB 1012 **Appropriations – Human Resources Division** Chairman: Representative Jon O. Nelson February 5, 2025

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Chairman Nelson and members of the Committee, my name is Dan Madler, I live in ND District 27, and I am the CEO of Beyond Shelter, Inc., (BSI) a mission driven North Dakota nonprofit developer of affordable housing. I would like to express my support for House Bill 1012 as it relates to the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) component.

BSI in partnership with several stakeholders/partners has developed three (3) Permanent Supportive Housing developments serving the communities of Fargo (Cooper House), Grand Forks (LaGrave on First), and Bismarck (Edwinton Place) and by utilizing best practices, combined with the PSH funding provided in HB 1012, these three (3) developments have been effective in providing stabilized housing to chronically homeless persons.

In closing, I respectively request your support for HB 1012.

Thank you for your time and consideration.