

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my brief testimony today. I expressing my strong for HB 1363.

During my own legislative efforts in the state of North Dakota this session, I have had the privilege of working with and meeting some of the key leaders who helped create this vital bill. Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death on school campuses across the United States. These cardiac events occur quickly and often without warning. With survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac events remaining alarmingly low nationwide, it is critical that people are prepared to respond effectively, giving our youth the best chance at survival.

In my opinion, having an emergency cardiac response plan in place is just as essential as having a fire extinguisher. This bill has the potential to save lives and provide a safer environment for students at North Dakota schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.