

HB 1289

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Finance and Tax Committee. For the record I am Lisa Meier of District 32 in Bismarck.

HB 1289 is before you today because of a request from a constituent that works in the Health Care Industry.

HB 1289 will allow for an individual that is a direct relative, such as a spouse, parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, child, sibling, niece or nephew whether by blood adoption or marriage who cares for a qualifying individual meaning the property owners direct relative who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves due to incapacity, advancing age, physical or mental illness or a disability, who lives in the residential property for more than 50% of the taxable year a property tax break of 50% of their taxable value of their home.

This bill in my opinion is a incentive bill to encourage loved ones when needed to be cared for at home. The savings that result from this legislation will be substantial if it encourages more in home health care.

Thank you for your consideration.