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Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivision Committee, my name is Jaclyn Hall. I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Association for Justice. Today, I am here to support HB 1142.

As Representative Pyle mentioned, this legislation will remove the sunset provision on previously passed legislation to incrementally increase the cap on damages for political subdivisions and state agencies.

This cap was originally established in 1977 and was changed to account for inflation and the increased cost of everyday life . This sunset removal will freeze the cap at \$500,000 per person and \$2,000,000 per occurrence.

Please vote Do Pass on HB1142.

Thank you.