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House Political Subdivisions Committee

House Bill 1513 - February 6, 2025

Testimony of Micah Olson, P&A Position-In Support

My name is Micah Olson. I am an attorney at Protection & Advocacy. I am speaking in support of House Bill No. 1513, relating to the notice to construct, rebuild, or replace sidewalks.

Protection & Advocacy supports requiring sidewalks to be in satisfactory condition. Well-maintained sidewalks are important for all pedestrians, and are essential for disabled individuals, who may be at a greater risk of injury or damage to their assistive devices. Damaged or uneven sidewalks often make them inaccessible and unusable.

Newly constructed or repaired sidewalks need to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Ensuring communities in North Dakota have safe and accessible sidewalks allows all individuals the ability to fully to participate in their communities.

P&A recommends do pass on House Bill 1513.