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Testimony
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Chairperson Dever and members of the Senate Appropriations Human Resources Division, My name is Roxanne Holm. I am the Administrator for Dickey County Health District serving the residents of Dickey County including the cities of Ellendale, Forbes, Fullerton, Ludden and Oakes.

I have worked in our public health unit since the development of our health unit in 1999. We were one of the last four counties in North Dakota that did not have public health. Legislation was passed making it mandatory for all counties to have public health. During this time the state aid funding that we have received has been crucial to meeting the local needs of our rural communities.

I am in support of HB 1012 which includes \$8,000,000 state aid to local public health units. I would like to encourage consideration to increase the amount to \$10,000,000. The state aid funding that is received is one of our only flexible funding sources and fills gaps that other funding can't cover. The flexibility of funding allows each health unit to use the funding where it is needed in their local communities. We currently receive 25,220 each year in state aid funding.

We utilize the state funding that we receive to help cover the cost of our car seat program, school screening services and our home visitation program. We have many of our elderly clients who fall at a low household income level. These clients receive our services at no cost. Our home visitation program includes a home visit and medication management. Our nurses monitor the client and their medications, picking up prescriptions, contacting physicians when the need arises, family communication, and coordinating needed services in the home. With the care that is received it allows our elderly clients to remain in their homes for an extended period.

Dickey County Health District appreciates your support in maintaining the services that we can provide for our community. We are very grateful for the current funding that we receive through state aid funding. Thank you for your time.

Roxanne Holm, Administrator
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