

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
TO SB 2096

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Committee chair and members of the committee, my name is Denise Ann Dykeman. I am a resident of Minot, North Dakota, and practicing attorney. I am here in support of Senate Bill 2096. I support this bill because I recently visited the hospital emergency room in Minot, and there were not enough beds for everyone to be seen quickly. Members of the unhoused community were also in the ER in a desperate attempt to find somewhere warm to be in sub-freezing temperatures.

This bill would provide \$5 million for state hospital facilities and provide for regional acute psychiatric treatment and residential supportive housing services. These supports would greatly benefit all North Dakota citizens by ensuring that our neighbors struggling with mental health concerns and housing insecurity have access to care and shelter they need.

Please support SB 2096.

Respectfully,

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