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Senate Bill 2140- Testimony on dementia care services program

Madam Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Rebecca Quinn, and I serve as the associate director for behavioral health at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

In my role at the Center for Rural Health I was the lead author on the 2022 North Dakota Alzheimer's State Plan; additionally, I serve as the director of the North Dakota Brain Injury Network. In both these roles I have been honored to partner with the Alzheimer's Association in providing support for those living with cognitive impairment, their families, and the providers supporting them.

I am in support of the changes proposed in Senate Bill 2140 and see these language changes as an opportunity to bring the century code in alignment with the current medical terminology. This change will allow for earlier referrals to the Alzheimer's Association and the best opportunity for individuals and families getting the support they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration,

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