

**Support SB 2173
Senate Human Services Committee**

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Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Kristie Wolff, I am the Communications Coordinator for Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners (CDFNE).

CDFNE is a North Dakota based non-profit organization providing forensic medical services to children and adult survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, and neglect across 23 counties in western North Dakota. I am testifying today in support of SB 2173.

CDFNE forensic nurses have the privilege of working alongside Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) staff in western North Dakota. Together, we serve as members of multidisciplinary teams that respond to reports of criminal sexual conduct, neglect, and abuse against children. This collaborative approach ensures victims receive comprehensive wraparound services to achieve the best possible outcomes. Coordinating the efforts of multiple agencies requires a high level of communication. This bill clarifies our ability to communicate with CAC staff, ensuring individuals we serve receive the care and justice they deserve.

Therefore, I am asking for your DO PASS recommendation on SB 2173.

Thank you,
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