

Chairwomen Lee, members of the Senate Human Services,

My name is Dr. Tara Harding, and I am the owner and doctorate nurse practitioner of Simply You Wellness. We are a private practicing clinic serving North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, and Colorado. I provide care to women facing various health challenges, including metastatic cancer. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 2248, which seeks to amend section 19-02.1-16.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to step therapy protocols.

In my practice, I have observed that step therapy protocols can delay access to the most effective treatments for patients with metastatic cancer. This change would allow healthcare providers to prescribe the most appropriate treatments without unnecessary delays, improving patient outcomes. By passing Senate Bill 2248, you will empower healthcare providers to make timely, evidence-based treatment decisions, ultimately enhancing the quality of care for women battling metastatic cancer in our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tara Harding