

Statement of Support for Senate Bill 2305

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Dear Members of the Senate Human Services Committee

I strongly support Senate Bill 2305 because it recognizes the incredible sacrifices family caregivers make every day to support their loved ones. Caring for someone with extraordinary medical or behavioral needs can be exhausting and financially draining, but this bill offers meaningful relief.

By compensating family caregivers, we're helping people stay in their homes, where they feel safe and loved, rather than forcing them into institutions. This bill also ensures caregivers are supported based on their loved one's unique needs and brings in voices from the Cross-Disability Advisory Council to help shape a thoughtful and effective program.

This is a compassionate and practical step to support families in North Dakota who are doing some of the hardest, most important work there is. I urge the Committee to give this bill a Do Pass and show caregivers they're not alone.

Sincerely,

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