

Chairman Barta and Members of the Committee –

Good Morning, my name is Dylan Wheeler – Head of Government Affairs for Sanford Health Plan; testifying today in speaking in strong support of SB2091. We appreciate the Insurance Department bringing this bill forward to empower the Reinsurance Association of North Dakota (RAND) to be more flexible in setting parameters within the North Dakota reinsurance program. The reinsurance program has brought premium relief to North Dakotans and is a program that should be maintained. As the market is ever evolving and changing, granting the RAND board additional authority to adjust parameters is a needed adjustment. Today, the RAND board is locked in regarding the thresholds for claim eligibility for participation in the reinsurance program. The changes brought forward by the North Dakota Insurance Department will allow the RAND board to adopt to a shifting health care financial climate and allow North Dakota to fully utilize the reinsurance program to its full potential.

Again – we appreciate the Insurance Department in bringing this adjustment.

I would be happy to help answer any question that you might have.

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