

Testimony in Support of North Dakota SCR 4018

Honorable Chairperson Diane Larson & Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tyler Kientopf, and I am the Vice President of the North Dakota EMS Association, EMS Division Chief for the City of Dickinson, and the interim manager of the West River Ambulance Service in Hettinger, North Dakota. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 4018, which urges the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to initiate the planning and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring both volunteer and career Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who have lost their lives in service to our state.

EMS personnel are the unsung heroes of our communities. They respond to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to save others. The dedication and bravery of these individuals deserve to be recognized and remembered. A memorial on the Capitol grounds would serve as a lasting tribute to their sacrifice and a reminder of the critical role they play in our society.

Moreover, such a memorial would provide a place for families, friends, and colleagues to gather and honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It would also serve as an educational tool, helping to raise awareness about the importance of EMS services and the challenges faced by those who provide them.

I urge you to support SCR 4018 and help ensure that the bravery and sacrifice of our EMS personnel are properly honored. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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