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State and Local Government Committee

Senate Bill 2230 - February 13, 2025

Testimony of Brenda Ruehl, P&A Director Program Services

Greetings Chairwoman Roers and members of the State and Local Government Committee. My name is Brenda Ruehl and I'm a Director of Program Services at the North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project (P&A). P&A is an independent state agency established in 1977 to assert and advance the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities. The agency's programs and services seek to make positive changes for people with disabilities where we live, learn, work and play.

P&A is in favor of a Do Pass on this bill.

Many voters including voters with disabilities often find proposed measures difficult to understand and are not always sure if they are voting in favor of or opposition of the measure. It is not always clear who is behind the measure, the impact on voting for or in opposition of, and what the financial impact the measure would or would not have on the state and local community.

P&A supports an objective analysis of a vote in favor of or opposition of, as well as the other requirements and language in the bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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