

Good afternoon, Chairman Wobbema and committee members. My name is Corey Johnson, and I am here both as the Assistant Chief of the City of Williston Fire Department and as an individual licensed EMS Instructor Coordinator supporting Senate Bill 2100.

Out of respect for your time, I will not read the letters submitted by my organization and me directly, but rather highlight those key points and add some additional information.

This bill was drafted and submitted after much discussion after the last administrative rules process undertaken by the EMS Unit and yes it does stand to reverse a rule brought forward by the EMS Unit. I want to highlight that a sponsor to this bill out of the House of Representatives is Clayton Fagley who also is the director of ~~Burlington~~ *Berthold* Ambulance in Ward County.

This is an important factor when considering this ~~peace of~~ ~~peace of~~ legislation. This ~~peace of~~ legislation does not impact our large city services. Nearly all of them have the means to comply and move forward with the rule that was passed in April. I myself stand before you representing an organization that is a EMS training institute. My service will continue on status quo, today at least. My concern is what happens 6-months, 1-year, 3-years from now.

Rural ambulance services across the state are in distress. Every legislative session, our various interest organizations

Director Price, in his testimony, expressed that this was consensus-based. I challenge that premise. If memory serves me correctly, EMSAC endorsed the rules by 1 vote. The public comment period received 18 comments, many related to EMR and EMT certifications and training institutes. Mostly from rural services. The rules process was delayed because of debate pertaining to the rules, and even at the final meeting, it was made clear with several legislators acknowledging that there were still issues; however, the rules needed to move forward, with further issues being addressed during the legislative session.

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I bring that up not to be adversarial, but to highlight that this issue has been extremely impactful, and much more work needs to be done to see this through. <sup>- Evident through testimony</sup> Although this bill reverses a rule, it opens up an opportunity to bring forth a meaningful and comprehensive plan to address the issues this rule was intended for. If this is the best solution, which it very well may be, I stand committed to working towards the comprehensive plan to see it through.

I ask this committee to support this bill and allow us as an industry to work with the EMS Unit towards a comprehensive plan to bring back next session.