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**Testimony of the ND Medical Association
Legislative Management Committee
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Chairman Carlson and members of the Legislative Management Committee, my name is David Peske, Director of Governmental Relations with the North Dakota Medical Association, the statewide membership organization for physicians, residents, and medical students.

NDMA is pleased to confirm that we have again made arrangements to coordinate our Doctor of the Day program for legislators during the 2009 legislative session. As in past sessions, we will rely on physicians and residents from around the state to volunteer for the program and provide basic health care examinations or services when requested by legislators. We appreciate your offer to continue providing for our use of the medical services room and other accommodations for our physician participants.

We are also planning to provide expanded opportunities for legislators to participate in individual health screenings and other educational and wellness activities during the session. As in 2007, we have again arranged for a health education and wellness fair in Legislative Hall of the capitol, now scheduled for mid-January.

In addition, we are working with medical personnel at the Altru Health System in Grand Forks who have agreed to offer a Personal Wellness Assessment program for legislators and Legislative Council staff during the scheduled health fair. This will be similar to the personal assessment program offered in 2007. In visiting with Legislative Council staff, we understand that this individualized evaluation program will meet insurance plan criteria for the offering of an employer-based wellness program for participants during 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information on the NDMA Doctor of the Day program plans for the 2009 Legislative Assembly. I would be happy to address any questions you may have.