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TESTIMONY TO
LONG TERM CARE INTERIM COMMITTEE
HON. GARY KREIDT, CHAIRMAN

The Head Injury Association of North Dakota is pleased to announce we have permanent Executive Director, Richard Ott. Having a director of his qualifications available full time will be a real boon to our fledgling organization.

TBI Is a silent disability in most cases. As such many children are served in other categories. However, they may not respond as well to medications and other interventions brought to bear by the special education and medical communities. We need to get the word out.

Our recent outreach to children has included a new presentation for 4-H horse clubs. Dover Saddlery sponsored the presentation with \$500 in gift certificates for helmets. We hope to use this as a kickoff of outreach to other youth groups and to the NDSU Extension Service.

We have a new round of outreach to adults starting including visits to the Veterans Home and our gero-psychiatric units.