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HB 1194

Good morning Chairman Ruby and members of the Committee. My name is Karin Mongeon. I serve as the Safety Division Director for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT).

I am here today on behalf of the NDDOT to provide information on HB 1194. This bill relates to: graduated operator licensing, minor operator requirements, and entries against driving record; driver's licenses issued to operators, restricted licenses, and class D instruction permits; and to provide a penalty.

The NDDOT, along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol, is assigned responsibility for the public safety of road users. Both agencies take this responsibility very seriously and three years ago, along with the Governor's Office and other private and public sector partners, launched the *Vision Zero* strategy to reduce motor vehicle crash deaths and serious injuries in North Dakota to zero.

Vision Zero has the support and involvement of hundreds of stakeholders throughout North Dakota working together to apply evidence-based strategies proven to prevent severe motor vehicle crashes. The licensing, education and driver experience changes proposed in HB 1194 are among the evidence-based strategies identified in the North Dakota *Vision Zero* Plan as priority strategies for implementation to reduce crash fatalities and serious injuries among young drivers in North Dakota.

Thank you for allowing me to provide information to you today. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.