



# NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICINE

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## North Dakota Board of Medicine Support to SB 2179

Dear Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2179. The mission of the North Dakota Board of Medicine is to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. To this end, the Board expresses its support for the expansion of "telehealth" as this will provide additional coverage and access to the homebound, rural patients, and individuals who do not have access to healthcare by other remote means. Greater accessibility translates into better health care which we believe to be in the best interest of the public. For these reasons, the Board of Medicine supports SB 2179.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with further questions. We would be happy to provide further information, testimony, and answer any questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dr. Robert Sticca*  
Chair, Legislative Committee  
North Dakota Board of Medicine

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### Mission Statement

The Board's mission is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare by regulating the practice of medicine, thereby ensuring quality health care for the citizens of this state.