## HB 1277 House Judiciary Committee January 23, 2023 Testimony of Todd N. Ewell, Deputy Director, NDCLCI

Good Morning Chairman Klemin, members of the Committee, my name is Todd Ewell and I am the Deputy Director of the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents (hereinafter "the Commission").

I rise today to in support of HB 1277. The Commission believes that enabling drug court judges and staff to suspend the requirements of the twenty-four seven program allows drug courts to meet the treatment needs of drug court participants. On behalf of the Commission, I request a Do Pass recommendation for HB 1277.

Respectfully submitted:

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