HB 1280

House Judiciary Committee

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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"). We are the state agency responsible for the delivery of public defense services in the State of North Dakota.

I rise today to in support of HB 1280. The Commission believes that enabling drug court judges to restore the driving privileges for successful drug court participants will make a positive impact on the lives of those participants and family members. On behalf of the Commission, I request a Do Pass recommendation for HB 1280.

Respectfully submitted:

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