



**Kayla Schmidt – Interim Executive Director, North Dakota Women’s Network
Support – HB 1450
North Dakota House Judiciary Committee**

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Chair Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kayla Schmidt and I am the Interim Executive Director of the North Dakota Women’s Network (NDWN). We are a statewide organization working towards improving the lives of women and their families through education, advocacy, and activism. I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 1450.

Our mission includes a focus on healthcare equity, expanding public health efforts, and support for policies that address the unique health care needs of women. In order to have healthier lives for themselves and their families, women need access to adequate medical care. This is especially critical during pregnancy, delivery, post-delivery, and for the many pregnancy-related issues and conditions that women experience.

Thus, the NDWN supports the updated definitions provided by HB1450 and we ask that this bill receives a “Do Pass” recommendation from this committee.

Thank you.

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