

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill 2305**  
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Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, my name is Julianne Horntvedt, and I serve as the Executive Director of the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am submitting testimony on behalf of our Advocacy Committee.

Our previous testimony speaks to the need of this program to exist in our state and the recent changes to the language of the bill help the bill read clearer and outline a path to providing this benefit to families who need it.

This approach is both cost-effective and compassionate. By investing in the well-being of caregivers, the state would be making a long-term investment in the health, dignity, and independence of individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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