69th Legislative Assembly Neutral Testimony of House Bill 1060 Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Good afternoon Chairman Warrey and members of the Industry, Business, and Labor Committee,

My name is Robyn Krile, and I have 19 years of law enforcement experience in North Dakota. I currently serve as the Fraud Division Director for the North Dakota Insurance Department. Today, I am here on behalf of my agency to provide neutral testimony regarding House Bill 1060 and to respectfully request an amendment to include the investigators of the Fraud Division within the definition of a "law enforcement officer."

It is important to emphasize that the current definition of a "law enforcement officer," as outlined in this bill on page 3, section 4, subsection b, and on page 4, section 5, subsection b, was written before the establishment of the Insurance Fraud Division. Consequently, the officers serving in our Fraud division are not currently included in the definition.

The North Dakota Insurance Department employs three licensed law enforcement officers who serve as investigators in the Fraud Division. These professionals are fully certified as North Dakota peace officers, tasked with investigating criminal activity, enforcing provisions of the North Dakota Century Code, and conducting complex criminal investigations. Their responsibilities are parallel to those of other law enforcement agencies already recognized in the definition, and they uphold the same rigorous standards required of all North Dakota Peace Officers.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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