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House Human Services Committee  
Senator Barta, Chairman  
Testimony in Support of HB 1283  
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Chairman Barta, Vice-Chair Boehm, and Members of the Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony today in **support of HB 1283**. My name is Sherri Miller, and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Nurses Association. The North Dakota Nurses Association (NDNA) is the only professional organization representing all nurses in North Dakota.

The mission of NDNA is to advance the nursing profession by promoting the professional development of nurses, fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the safety and well-being of nurses in the workplace, and advocating health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

We know that breast cancer screening saves lives. However, often women delay screening due to out-of-pocket costs. Out-of-pocket costs can lead to delayed or missed breast cancer screenings including delays in follow-up tests that are needed after an abnormal initial screening. Any delays in testing or missed screenings can ultimately impact a person's survival.

Removing cost sharing for preventive services has proven to increase the use of those services. For example, following the removal of cost sharing for preventive services in Medicare, there was a statistically significant uptake in mammography screenings among Medicare enrollees.

Because of this, we urge the committee to **support HB 1283**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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