

In Support of House Bill 1419

Before the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

Senator Kristin Roers, Chair

March 20, 2025

Chairman, Senator Roers, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 1419. My name is Kimberly Robbins, and I am the LaMoure County Emergency Manager and 9-1-1 Coordinator. LaMoure County is served by North Dakota State Radio as our Public Safety Answering Point. This bill will recognize the dedication and also support the retention and recruitment of the Public Safety Telecommunicators, including those employed by North Dakota State Radio, by allowing them in the Public Safety Retirement Plan.

As mentioned, LaMoure County is served by North Dakota State Radio to answer our 9-1-1 calls, dispatch our first responders, guide our responders and assist them along. As I also serve as a driver on the local rural ambulance, the Public Safety Telecommunicator – dispatcher - is part of your team of first responders. They should be included in this bill for the Public Safety Retirement plan. Please support House Bill 1419 and the support of our Public Safety Telecommunicators.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Robbins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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