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Chairman Luick and Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Members,

For the record, my name is Claire Cory. I represent District 42 in Grand Forks, which includes the northwestern part of Grand Forks and expands out to include the Grand Forks Air Force Base. I am here as the prime sponsor seeking support of House Bill 1326.

The need for this bill came to my attention from the Veterans Affairs Commissioner. It would allow the Veterans Affairs Commissioner to have access to vital records so he can look for patterns in units to do targeted suicide prevention.

In your handout you will find an amendment that I am asking you to consider. This amendment is a one word change as follows: On page 1, line 19, replace "record" with "certificate".

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, this concludes my testimony. I respectfully ask for a do pass recommendation from your committee. I am happy to stand for any questions.