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HB 1038 Testimony in Favor

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Chairwomen Hogan and Committee:

My name is Jodie Fetsch. I am the Director of Nursing at Custer Health, based in Mandan, serving Mercer, Oliver, Morton, Grant and Sioux Counties.

Custer Health offers maintenance home health services to all regardless of ability to pay. Our nurses work closely with providers, families, caregivers and social services to keep clients in their homes as long as it is safe.

Many times, we are the only home health service in the remote areas of the counties that we serve.

We have struggled in the last few years to find caregivers to assist with daily cares as the reimbursement has been decreased.

Many of our clients have had to move to facilities to obtain the services that could be provided in the home with adequate staffing.

I thank you for considering the recommendation to increase the level of funding to increase home and community based services.

Jodie Fetsch RN