

Chair Wicklund and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Destini Spaeth and I am submitting testimony in favor of SF162. I am the Board Chair of the North Dakota Women In Need Abortion Access Fund. We provide a financial safety net to callers leading up to and on the day of their abortion. Last year, we successfully supported over 600 people in accessing care. Half of the callers we provide funding to are residents of Minnesota and about 90% of our callers receive their care in Minnesota.

While our namesake North Dakota has been working to eliminate the right to abortion for any reason, it has been warming to see our sister state of Minnesota acknowledge the commonness and essential nature of accessible, safe, abortion care.

SF162 is an added protection for our callers who are traveling to the region for care, the providers we send them to, and our work as an Abortion Fund. It would provide a priceless peace of mind to all who have found safety and compassionate care within the border of Minnesota.

Thank you.

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