

**TESTIMONY SUPPORT OF SB2024
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To Whom It May Concern:

With budgetary constraints continuing to play a major role in establishing funding priorities for the next biennium, I wish to express strong support for programs specifically established for the prevention of smoking. Such as BreathND.

BreathND's specific funding has had a measurably positive impact on preventing many, many North Dakota patients from facing the detrimental health effects, and negative economic impacts, of smoking related illness, disability and even death.

The funding already established by a vote of the people should continue to be preserved exclusively for BreathND's effective tobacco-prevention work and its many, many community health benefits.

Respectfully,

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