

**Testimony -Interim Traumatic Brain Injury Study – Human Services Division**

**Representative Chuck Damschen, Chairman**

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Good afternoon, Chairman Damschen, and members of the Interim Committee of the Human Services Committee Divisions. For the record my name is Rhonda Boehm, and my son Eric suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury on May 17, 2002; and you know some of how his life and our family has changed from my past testimonies.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify during the interim committee meetings. I appreciate and sincerely want to thank you for your time, dedication, and consideration you have put forth during the Human Services Interim Committee meetings with respect to the Traumatic Brain Injury Study.

I would like to ask you the committee to please.....please continue the study of Traumatic Brain Injury into the next Legislative Biennium. Traumatic Brain Injury is a very complicated and most often an invisible disability, which makes it so complex, complicated and difficult to completely comprehend. A Brain Injury is forever, so please continue the Study in the effort to further enhance Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors to become the most they can be as a contributing citizen of North Dakota.

I would be very willing to collaborate with the Department Of Human Services to further develop the details and establishment of the Brain Injury Flex Fund Program. I have been researching the existing Flex Fund Plan that the Department Of Human Services currently has in place as well as other plans.

In closing today....I truly believe...."No Brain Injury is too small to ignore, or too severe to lose hope".

Thank you very much for your time and the opportunity to thank you today and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully.....Rhonda Boehm/Parent of Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor