Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Re: Testimony in opposition to HB 1334

Attn: Committee Members,

I, Todd Kjelland am writing in opposition to HB 1334 because I believe by passing this bill, defending corporate entities or other entities with monetary advantages could falsely influence the court to declare a case frivolous as undue punishment. This bill disadvantages the plaintiff if a suit is filed against entities of wealth in good faith.

I believe a case declaring frivolous filing of a lawsuit should not be a decision of the court unless filed equally by the defendant, because that also gives the defeated plaintiff equal opportunity to seek a frivolous claim. Judges should not interfere with filings of lawsuits on behalf of a prevailing filer.

Thank you for your consideration to NOT PASS HB 1334

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