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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, Family Policy Alliance of North Dakota would like to formally indicate its support of Senate Bill 2181.

We firmly believe that rights enumerated in the First Amendment, in this case particularly those pertaining to freedom of religion and assembly, form a cornerstone of our nation's freedoms and democracy. To infringe upon these rights, even in the case of emergency situations, is no more valid than infringing on the other rights contained in the First Amendment (see freedom of press already addressed in chapter 37-17.1-03.2 of the Century Code). Our country was birthed on freedom of religion and this must be protected at all costs. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for a "DO PASS" committee recommendation on SB2181.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Jorritsma".

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