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TESTIMONY OF MARK FOX, CHAIRMAN MANDAN, HIDATSA AND ARIKARA NATION

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Mark Fox, I am the Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation). The MHA Nation is a proponent of House Concurrent Resolution 3045 (HCR 3045), a concurrent resolution that directs the Legislative Management to consider studying the prevalence of bias-motivated crimes committed in North Dakota on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or ancestry.

The MHA Nation is one of five tribal governments in the state. We recognize that historically and dramatically these problems exist regarding crime, and they are no small matter. Communication is key and a study that facilitates our governments working together will go a long way in addressing bias-motivated crimes in North Dakota.

The MHA Nation recognizes the importance and need for Legislative Management to conduct a study on bias-motivated crimes in North Dakota and we urge a Do Pass of HCR 3045. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.