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SB 2304 Testimony

Senate Education Committee

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Chairmen Schaible members of the Senate Education Committee for the record my name is Richard Marcellais Senator from Rolette County District 9.

I am here this afternoon to testify on SB 2304— relating to requiring all elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in the state to include curriculum on Native American history.

The bill would allow students to learn more about our Native American Nations (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara, Standing Rock, Spirit Lake, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate nations) in the state of North Dakota. These nations have contributed greatly to the state of North Dakota and we welcome all students to experience Native American culture, learn more about each nation's history, language and traditions.

The students would have the opportunity to learn about: Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site; On-A-Slant Indian Village; Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park; Crow Flies High Butte; Four Bears Bridge; Three Affiliated Tribes

Museum; Earth Lodge Village; Old Scouts Cemetery; Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byways; Sitting Bull Burial Site; Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway; Fort Totten State Historic Site; White Horse Hill National Game Preserve; bison herd and prairie dog town; Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway; Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge and much more.

Chairman Schaible members of the Senate Education Committee, I urge Do Pass on Senate Bill 2304 for the students of North Dakota to learn about the Native American culture and history in the State of North Dakota.