

SB 2182
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Madam Chair Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the executive director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the delivery of indigent defense services in North Dakota. I rise today to provide testimony in support of SB 2182.

The right to consult with counsel when charged with a crime is a fundamental right enjoyed by all in our great country. The Commission on Legal Counsel for indigents supports the rights of the accused, including the right to counsel. The Commission's support for this legislation is simple, let the accused have the same access to consult with an attorney as an attorney has to consult with the accused.

Madam Chair, on behalf of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, we urge a do pass recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Travis W. Finck', is written over a faint, horizontal, wavy line.

Travis W. Finck
Executive Director, NDCLCI