

January 23, 2023

Chairperson Lee and Committee Members,

I strongly urge a Do NOT Pass on HB 1332. The National Association of Social Workers, the largest professional organization of social workers in the United States, has since 2014 condemned the use of sexual orientation change efforts by any person identifying as a social worker and any agency claiming to provide social work services (www.socialworkers.org). How can we hope to recruit and retain qualified social workers in North Dakota when our state laws go against their professional standards and code of ethics? This legislation will further tarnish the image of North Dakota as we try to recruit and retain qualified individuals for our workforce.

I urge a Do NOT Pass on HB 1332.

Sincerely,
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