

Testimony of Mia Halvorson

In Opposition of HB 1332: "Relating to the regulation of social workers."

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Mia Halvorson, and I am currently a North Dakota resident and undergraduate student taking classes at both North Dakota State University and Minot State University. I am double majoring in Human Development Family Science and Social Work.

I find it horrendous that this bill is even up for consideration. As a future social worker, considering conversion therapy for our clients is blatantly unethical, regardless of this bill. We follow the six NASW Code of Ethics, which are: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.

HB 1332 directly and negatively impacts all of the NASW Code of Ethics listed above.

I ask that you vote NO on HB 1332 for the reasons listed above, the reasons other individuals testifying provide, and the hundreds of additional reasons I could provide.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share this testimony.

-Mia Halvorson