

Dear Chairman and esteemed committee members

Please render a DO PASS on HB1362 I copied and pasted the part of the bill that is so crucial to us North Dakotans as parents and for our children as they parent. This bill does indeed reflect the community standard of North Dakota. So often, people listen to the loud minority as they shout on social media, or they see and hear the same talking points injected into our society through a mockingbird media that has not reflected the trueness of North Dakota for a very long time. I ask all of you to reject the loud minority of voices presented to you, and seek to ask your own communities, "What would you like to see? Do you believe parents have a fundamental liberty interest in the care, custody, and management of their children? Do you believe in most cases, the best case scenario for a child is to be raised by their parents? Do you believe permanent homes and nurturing families are the best interest of a child? Do you believe the integrity of the family unit and all that goes along with that should be constitutionally protected? Ask your district those questions. I believe you will get a resounding YES from at least 85% of them. Why? Because I know the demographics of the people of North Dakota. They believe this! They desire this! They want it in their ND Century Code and protected. Please do that for them. Thank you.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

- a. A parent possesses a fundamental liberty interest in the care, custody, and management of the parent's child and, at all times, retains a vital interest in preventing the irretrievable destruction of family life.
- b. It is in the best interest and welfare of a child to be raised under the care and supervision of the child's parents.
- c. A child's need for a normal family life in a permanent home and for positive, nurturing family relationships usually is best met by the child's parents.
- d. The integrity of the family unit and the right of a parent to conceive, raise, manage, train, educate, and reasonably discipline the parent's child should be constitutionally protected.