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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Cole Christensen, Representative from District

24. I am here to testify in support of HB 1362.

This bill is a continuation of the resolution that was unanimously passed last special session. That resolution HCR 3049 declared that Parents are the Primary stakeholders over their child's future. The goal of this bill is to strengthen the family, which is the backbone to our society. I believe North Dakota is the state you want to move to and raise your family in. This bill re-affirms that, and declares that we not only support, but protect parenthood.

While this bill was being drafted, I knew there would be a couple of these subsections that needed some work. Some of the terms being used are not defined in century code, and I would recommend the committee review section 2 subsections C, F, and G to either amend or remove them. I would support making the necessary changes and give this bill a do-pass recommendation.

I will stand for questions.