

HB 1533 - Protecting Domestic Violence Victims from Abusive Litigation

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To: Rep. Boschee, Sen. Braunberger, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Ista, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Pyle, Rep. Roers Jones, Rep. Schneider and Judiciary Committee

My name is Richard Linnerooth. I have lived in Fargo for most of my life and have had my own law practice in Fargo for 39 years. My practice area has mainly been family law. I fully support HB 1533-Protecting Domestic Violence Victims from Abusive Litigation.

I represented Jennifer Williams in her initial divorce starting in 2016 which resulted in 4 days of trial continuing into 2017 with Judgment being entered in February of 2018. It was highly litigated. I witnessed first-hand what I believed to be abusive litigation against her that has lasted not only through the trial but continues through today's date. She fits the description regarding the persons that HB 1533 is designed to protect.

I have reviewed the bill in detail and find it to be very detailed and well thought out. I have witnessed firsthand abusive litigation against domestic violence victims in my experience representing hundreds of clients over my 39 years of practice. I fully support this bill.

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