



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony in Support of House Bill 1176

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Chairman Kannianen and honorable members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee,

My name is Mark Jorritsma and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am submitting testimony on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1176, and respectfully request that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

With the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* and the likely upholding of our state’s “Trigger Law,” it is important that we, as a state, come alongside pregnant women and new mothers and their families to help. One incredibly important way to do this is to financially help families seeking to adopt, and giving them a tax credit would be a tool toward this end. Adoption is a very expensive process and any way that we can help to mitigate these expenses would be deeply appreciated by the family and consistent with our state’s support of family values.

Another important way that we can help pregnant women and new mothers and their families is to support maternity homes, child placing agencies, and pregnancy help centers. Many of these organizations rely heavily on contributions from people who donate to their cause. These organizations provide crucial resources to people in need at a very critical time in their lives, and providing incentives for taxpayers to donate to these entities would be another way to support the values we hold dear as North Dakotans.

This is a bill that helps people afford adoption and helps pregnant and new mothers and their families to get the support that they need at a critical time. Because of these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action requests that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

Thank you for allowing us to testify and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Jorritsma
Executive Director