

Dear Senate Human Services Committee members,

My name is Jocelyn Backman and I live in District 13, I am writing to you today IN FAVOR of HB 1362 - A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recognizing a parent's interest in their child's upbringing.

It is imperative that we put the word "parent" into our State's century code, and it was honestly shocking to me that it wasn't already in there. How we raise our children is up to the parent(s) to decide, not the school system or government. When you hear the words "It takes an army to raise a child", those words are 100% accurate. However, it's who the parents choose as that army, not anyone else.

Thank you for your time and for all your hard work. I urge you to PASS this bill.

Jocelyn Backman

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