

Thank you, members of the Education Committee, for the opportunity to give my testimony. My name is Karen Krenz, I am from District 1 in Williston and a mother of three boys. I was a teacher and counselor for 23 years in North Dakota. I am asking that you render a DO PASS for SB 2105.

PPRA law and the FERPA laws are not protecting our North Dakota families due to loop holds in the surveys given. North Dakota children should be protected from giving private information without parent consent. If you ask your constituents about these surveys many of them have no idea the kinds of questions asked. As part of my due diligence, I spoke with many parents about the survey and the questions given, many of whom were unaware of the types of questions their child was asked. In conversations with students about the survey, none were aware it was not required.

Although opposition claims that many steps are taken to opt out, parents and students are not informed about these steps. This bill would guarantee parents informed consent to these surveys and questions.

Thank you for considering a DO PASS for the SB 2105 and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

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