

Testimony in Support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4017

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Dear Chairman Heinert and honorable members of the House Education Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to submit testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4017 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this resolution.

Our organization is strongly opposed to the creation, distribution, and sale of pornographic materials. While we understand the First Amendment protections afforded corporations and individuals involved in pornography, we also know of the harm it causes. Irreparable harm is caused to numerous areas of life by pornography, as articulated in the resolution, not to mention the more extreme obscene elements of pornography such as child pornography and non-consensual filming of sex acts. Pornography has infiltrated all of our lives in one way or another, and this resolution seeks to recognize the significant detrimental effects it has on our society.

Although not directly addressed in this resolution, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action is also in support of this resolution because we believe pornography to be a moral issue. We believe human sexuality was designed and intended for our good within the bond of a committed, lifelong marriage between a man and woman. It may sound old fashioned, but it is the basis for the family, society, and government. Once the foundation begins to crumble, the rest comes down with it rather swiftly.

For these reasons, we ask that you render a "DO PASS" on Senate Concurrent Resolution 4017. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I'd be happy to stand for any questions.