

Members of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly,

I am asking that you please DO PASS HCR 3037 to demand accountability—accountability for your failure to consistently represent the interests of the people you are sworn to serve, most notably the children of North Dakota, who remain some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

The resolution stands as a clarion call to end the moral cowardice, the abdication of responsibility, and the alarming neglect of your duty to protect children from harm. It is no longer acceptable to sit idly by while those in positions of power betray the very people who entrust them with their votes and their trust. As elected officials, your primary responsibility is to safeguard the well-being of your constituents, especially the most defenseless among us—our children. Yet, time and time again, your actions—or lack thereof—have failed to meet that basic, fundamental duty.

Senator Ray Holmberg's disgraceful behavior should serve as an indelible stain on the moral fabric of this body. His complete disregard for the safety and security of children, his refusal to take a stand when it mattered most, and his actions that betrayed the core values of responsibility and integrity are an embarrassment to this state. His actions are not just an isolated failure—they represent a larger pattern of neglect exhibited by far too many in this legislative body. When it comes to the protection of our children, you have not acted with the urgency, dignity, or moral clarity that the situation demands.

North Dakota's children cannot advocate for themselves. They rely on you, their so-called "leaders," to act in their best interest. They depend on you to pass laws that provide protection, security, and the guarantee that their basic rights will not be trampled. Why did it take such a disgusting act of one North

Dakotan Senator to have this resolution before you? It should've already been written. HCR 3037 represents a chance to right these wrongs, to hold accountable those who failed to fulfill their duties, and to demand that the welfare of children be placed above political self-interest. There should be no hesitation, no equivocating, no refusal to act.

If you truly believe in your roles as public servants, then I urge you to have the courage, the integrity, and the decency to do the right thing. Do not hide behind empty words and hollow promises. Stand up and *do* what is required to protect children. The least you can do is have enough dignity to provide for their safety, something that Senator Holmberg clearly failed to do. Let this resolution pass, and let it pass with the strength of purpose and resolve that your role demands.

The North Dakota legislative body has repeatedly demonstrated an alarming inability to prioritize the protection of children. HCR 3037 offers a direct challenge to this failing, and it is imperative that you rise to the occasion. Do not waste this opportunity.

I strongly urge the passage of HCR 3037. It is long overdue. Do not turn your back on the most vulnerable among us any longer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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