

Chairman Longmuir and Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel. I live in Bismarck now.

House Concurrent Resolution 3037 expresses a laudable sentiment.

When I was a high school student at Grand Forks Central, Senator Holmberg was my high school counselor. I feel grateful that he kept his hands to himself around me. I also feel saddened about the boys and young men that he succeeded at abusing. Accountability is necessary.

The responsibility for policing unethical behavior from elected officials ought to belong to the Ethics Commission. This unethical behavior includes sexual abuse by elected officials, not only monetary corruption.

This is what the electorate voted for in 2018 – over six years ago.

If the Ethics Commission does not already have this responsibility, please add this responsibility to the Ethics Commission.

Feel free to use this resolution as a vehicle for language that would update the Ethics Commission's responsibilities. That may include changing this resolution into a proposed constitutional amendment.

The present language of this resolution is suboptimal, so unless this resolution gets significantly changed, our state would be better off if this does not get passed. As presently written, it deserves a recommendation of **DO NOT PASS** from your committee.

Thank you.