



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony in Support of House Bill 1247

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Chairman Beard and honorable members of the Senate Education Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to testify in support of House Bill 1247 and respectfully request that you would render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

Sexual assault is a serious offense against the dignity of a victim. Because of this, it would be terribly difficult for a victim to have to see their offender on a daily basis in a place like a school. In North Dakota, the chances of an occurrence of contact between a victim and an offender in the same school are rather high due to our generally small school populations and campuses.

A school is a place that ought to be a place of learning, not a place where someone should fear contact with their offender and the risk of being assaulted again. This bill rightly and justly makes it so that the victim of a sexual assault does not have to live in that fear while in school. For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests a “DO PASS” on House Bill 1247.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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