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TESTIMONY OF REP. LAWRENCE R. KLEMIN HOUSE BILL NO. 1033 SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am Lawrence R. Klemin, Representative for District 47 in Bismarck. I am here to testify in support of House Bill No. 1033. This bill relates to concurrent jurisdiction between the State of North Dakota and the federal government on military installations. The bill was considered by the interim Juvenile Justice Committee and approved for introduction by Legislative Management.

I was asked to present this bill to the interim Juvenile Justice Committee by the U.S. Department of Defense. The bill would allow the State of North Dakota and the federal government to enter into an agreement for the State to handle the prosecution of juvenile offenses committed on military installations, such as the Grand Forks Air Force Base and the Minot Air Force Base. At this time, the State has no authority to handle juvenile offenses committed on some areas within military installations. The federal government does not have an effective system to handle such cases in the United States District Court. If an agreement is made, then these juvenile offenses can be handled through the State Juvenile Court. The bill does not require the State to do anything, but is enabling legislation where no such State authority currently exists.

HB 1033 is modeled on the law passed in Colorado. Smantha Sliney, a representative of the U.S. Department of Defense, will explain the bill and answer any questions you may have. I request the Senate Judiciary Committee to recommend "Do Pass" on House Bill No. 1033.

Thank you.

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