

House Bill No. 1231
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Seth O'Neill and I am representing the North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition in opposition to House Bill 1231.

This bill would allow a sex offender to petition a court to end their time of sex offender registration early. This is concerning because it could allow an individual who is risk to the public to not be required to register.

It is also concerning that only the last known victim is required to be notified, not all victims of a sex offender. In addition, the victim is only required to be notified if the victim's address is reasonably available. If the sex offender is going to be released from the registry early, it should be required that all victims be notified.

Due to these reasons, we encourage the committee to give HB 1231 a Do-Not-Pass Recommendation.

