

Greetings Representative Lawrence R. Klemin and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brandi Hardy, from Bismarck, ND. I am the Legislative Coordinator with the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition (NDHRC).

We are in support of HB 1106, to repeal section 12.1 - 20 -17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to willfully transferring body fluid containing the human immunodeficiency virus.

The North Dakota Human Rights Coalition recognizes the HIV criminalization has often resulted in horrendous human rights violations. These laws can influence harm within marginalized communities (e.g immigrants/refugees, LGBTQ+ individuals, sex workers, and people who use invetro drugs), contributing to the untrue and harmful stigmas.

We believe our laws should reflect public health approaches that reflect sound practices and policy from trusted partners such as the ND Department of Public Health and National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDs Directors.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 1106.

Thank you for your time. I encourage you to contact me for further questions.

Respectfully,

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