

Testimony in Opposition to SCR 4004

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Chairman Vedaa and members of the committee,

My name is James Phipps and I am a Veteran (1983-2004) who served on three continents and six years in Alaska. I served under four presidents. I lived in Colorado when I got out of the Army. I was very displeased with the direction its government was going with all the Californians moving in. As a father of five and grandfather of eleven, I looked for a Veteran friendly state, one that supported, mirrored my family's values, and selected North Dakota as my new home. I purchased several lots in Alamo and moved an old farm house onto the lots. We are active in our church, community, and we work hard to support our family.

I'm submitting testimony in **opposition to SCR 4004**. As we have recognized an active assault and public demonizing of our values. My wife and I chose to home school our children. In my home we are magna cum laudi graduates and recognize the power grab by the Elitists in Washington DC. Our representatives have forsaken the people who elected them. Our infra-structures are on par with 3rd world dictatorships. My wife is a naturalized citizen originally from Venezuela. We can educate many on the horrors of socialism and communism.

Criminals now have more rights than law abiding citizens. Our national debt is disgusting as the moneys went to foreign interests and to line crooked politicians' pockets and their friends' pockets. Now, the same individuals are criminalizing my values and demonizing civility, decency, family values, Christian beliefs, hard work, individualism, free speech, free and rational thought, and most troubling the concept of questioning everything. These were major ideals that we saw in North Dakotans and chose to move here. Our representatives no longer represent the ideals of our founding fathers, nor support anyone who does. Further, NO FOREIGN body, be it nation, country, territory, or society determine nor dictate our local, state, or national views, policies, procedures, status quo, nor our political or religious views.

We as a family do not support SCR 4004, and expect our legally elected representatives to acknowledge, support, and make decisive actions affirming our mutually, publicly, affirmed beliefs, and ideals.

