



**ND SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM**  
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**Written Testimony in Support of HB 1089**

Good Morning, Chairman Lee and Senate Education Committee:

For the record, my name is Dr. Katherine Terras and I represent the newly formed North Dakota Special Education Consortium that is comprised of stakeholders groups across the state that are dedicated to moving the field of special education forward for our most vulnerable population of students. We are in support of HB 1089, as this legislation further protects individuals with developmental disabilities from seclusion and physical restraint when safety for themselves and others is not at immediate risk. This legislation illuminates the importance of positive behavioral supports which should be the foundation of programming for these individuals.