

IN FAVOR: SB 2181

Relating to freedom of religion and assembly.

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tara Dukart. I am from Hazen, ND, and I urge you to support SB 2181. The freedom to assemble and the freedom to gather together to worship are privileges that I never anticipated would be in jeopardy in my lifetime.

However, I have witnessed our government make recommendations that closed my church doors and prevented us from gathering together for in-person worship. Under the guise of a fear-based pandemic, the closure of other buildings and events decreased our rights and abilities to assemble. I believe this is government overreach. I think we are on a slippery slope.

People who want to assemble should have the right to assemble. People who don't want to assemble should have the right to not assemble. Either way, each person assumes their own personal risk.

Please vote to protect our rights to religious freedom and assembly.

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. May God bless and guide you.

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