Dear Honorable Members of the Joint Technical Corrections Committee,

Good afternoon! Thank you so much for talking the time to review my testimony. My name is Alida Arnegard.

Please definitely do pass HB 1508. This bill would prohibit the teaching of Critical Race Theory in our N.D. Public Schools.

I believe this bill is very important because C.R.T. is a theory (and an unproven one at that!) and the premise of it is flawed to begin with. Please keep this out of our classrooms. I believe, as an educator myself, that this is an extremely divisive and dangerous curriculum. It actually encourages race-based stereotyping.

We need to focus on Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, not CRT or race-based generalizations that are often untrue, and unflattering.

I believe C.R.T. teaching in schools will, unfortunately, alienate parents from children as well and further divide us.

Thank you for all you do for our great state! Again, please support this wonderfully crafted HB1508!

Thank you,

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