



# NORTH DAKOTA

## *Family Alliance* LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Neutral Testimony on House Bill 1503

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Dear Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to render neutral testimony on House Bill 1503.

Our organization wholeheartedly supports the protection and rights of North Dakotans to avoid possible threats to our freedoms and sovereignty. One recent potential threat to this has been associated with the acquisition of property by a foreign entity near a key military installation in our state. Frankly, we are very concerned that this was allowed to happen, and if there is a way to “undo” it and/or prevent future similar problems, we stand behind it.

That said, we are not entirely sure this bill will accomplish those goals. We are concerned about the lack of definitions for terms such as “*substantial* amount of capital” (Section 1, paragraph 2) and “*direct* the operations” (also Section 1, paragraph 2). We are also not sure of the ability to create ex post facto punitive laws or create what may in fact be a bill of attainder.

While North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action is completely in agreement that our domestic interests must be maintained and guarded, we have some uncertainty around the method this bill seeks to use to attain that goal, as well as questions on definitional issues. For these reasons, we are testifying in a neutral position on House Bill 1503.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director