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House Bill 1368

Pioneer Room Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Representative Schauer Chairman January 23, 2023

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, For the record ...I'm Rep. Karen Anderson from District 19 up in the NE corner of the state at Grafton.

I bring to you House bill 1368 creating a new section to chapter 21-10 and a new section to chapter 44-08 of the ND century code relating to prohibition on investments and contracts with companies that boycott Israel.

This bill protects the state's financial interest by ensuring that taxpayer funds are shielded from the economic damage and instability caused by parties that engage in discriminatory, national-origin-based boycotts against Israel and its trade partners. It protects the social interest of the states' citizens by ensuring that taxpayer dollars are not used to invest in companies that would simultaneously undermine the state's public policy protections from national origin-based discrimination. The passage of this bill would make clear that our state is a safe jurisdiction where trade with Israel is encouraged.

There are others who will be testifying who are more experts at this than me.

Thank you and please vote favorably on this bill.

