

**Do Not Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1281
in the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1281 is unneeded legislation that will have undesirable consequences. I ask for a Do Not Pass on HB1281.

HB1281 decriminalizes the unwanted transfer of the HIV virus from one person to another. Current law is consistent with that established in other states around the country, and these laws have been upheld in court.

[HIV Transmission, Is it a Crime? | Journal of Ethics | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](#)

HB1281 is reckless legislation. It does not contemplate the various scenarios in society that require teeth behind the law. As an example, should it not be more egregious for an inmate who has HIV to assault a correctional officer with bodily fluids than another who doesn't have HIV? Absolutely. For protection of the heroes of law enforcement, current law should stay in place.

Please give HB1281 a Do Not Pass.

Thank you,

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