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Chairman Klemin and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lorraine Davis. I am the Founder and CEO of a community-based organization called NATIVE, Inc. serving Native Americans and other marginalized populations in the Bismarck and Fargo metropolitan areas of North Dakota. I support HB1195.

NATIVE, Inc. provides Bismarck and Fargo communities with prison recidivism, behavioral health prevention and recovery programs, prison outreach (men & women), homeless prevention, transportation services, workforce development, cultural and life skills development during afterschool programs, juvenile delinquency prevention and family programs. NATIVE, Inc. has been providing community-based education and services to youth and families through our Great Plains Indians Youth and Family Engagement Center for the past five years. Our goal is to alleviate disproportionate minority contact of Native American youth from going into the juvenile court systems, from Native American men and women from going into the state's prison system and to increase the readiness and success of family reunification.

Thank you for your consideration.