



# NORTH DAKOTA

## *Family Alliance* LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Testimony Supporting House Bill 1308

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Good morning Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee. My name is Mark Jorritsma and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. We are here today to testify in support of House Bill 1308 and ask that you issue a “DO PASS” out of committee.

On the face of it, this bill appears somewhat confusing. It seems to reward individuals who must pay child support by reducing the number of revoked licenses, thereby rewarding them in some sense. However, from a practical standpoint, the reasoning is very different.

Fathers (typically) who pay child support need a means of earning income. For those individuals who have professional licenses, it is their license that enables them to earn sufficient income to pay this amount, in particular, since the amount was in part based upon their income level at the time of the court case. If the state now revokes this license, their income will almost certainly decline, but the support payments will stay the same. In such a case, it may very well be difficult for the father to make child support payments and everybody loses in that situation: the father, mother, and child.

We certainly believe that fathers should support their families and children, this bill would ensure that this can continue in the manner in which it was intended. Further, as a Christian organization, we believe that our society has a special calling to help those who are downtrodden and suffering, especially wives/mothers and children.<sup>1</sup>

For the aforementioned reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action requests that you render a “DO PASS” on House Bill 1308. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I’d be happy to stand for any questions.

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 127: 3-4, Mark 10: 13-16, 1 Timothy 5:8, Psalm 34:18.