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## Testimony in support of HB1333

Some months ago, I was shown images of a child giving money to adults who were performing at a drag show located in Bismarck. Shortly after, I discovered that a similar event occurred in Fargo. Both are sickening and against human decency, let alone Christian morals.

In voicing my negative opinion on such matters as well as other “festivals” in a private digital setting that which was wrongfully invaded. Free-lance media attempted to destroy not only my reputation, credibility and image; but my friends as well with opinion articles. Being upset about the grooming and sexualization of children should not warrant the persecution I and again my friends have faced, but it has become that way in this great nation. To this day I am labelled things I am not. I am treated differently, despite the lack of claimants coming forth with any evidence of discrimination, in reality of any form.

We see now that those amongst the NDGOP have finally decided to address this problem and not just condemn those who have concerns for it. No sane human being should be ok with exposing children to this debauchery. For those who cite the First Amendment as protection for such acts, I suggest they educate themselves on the Miller test.

To quote Sir Winston Churchill “Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

I want to thank Representative Prichard and his colleagues for introducing this bill. As someone who has traumatic experiences of sexual grooming at a young age, someone who has had relationship struggles due to the sexual abuse that multiple partners of mine have faced in their childhoods. We will only know what damage has really occurred decades down the line.

From someone who intends on raising a family in the Peace Garden State, God Bless You.

Respectfully,

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