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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.
For the record, my name is Cole Christensen Representative from District 24.
I am here to testify in support of HB 1334.

- 1) This bill clarifies and sets guidelines for our law enforcement officers at every level as to the difference between a domestic terrorist (enemy of the state) and a criminal.
- 2) The passage of this bill will clear up any public confusion from incidents in the past few months regarding what a domestic terrorist actually is.

The thing that prompted this bill was a letter sent out from the National School Boards association asking the FBI and DOJ to investigate parents as Domestic terrorists. These parents were raising questions and concerns at their local school board meetings. We see this in the media, terms like this being weaponized for merely participating in the political process. This deadly label lynching has led to the weaponization of government against Americans. This gives us a solid definition, and says if you want to claim or prosecute someone as a domestic terrorist, you have to meet the 3 requirements laid out in this bill.

- (1) It is done in cooperation with any federally designated international terrorist organization that threatens or appears to threaten the sovereignty of the state or the United States of America;
- (2) Is a violation of criminal law; and
- (3) Either:
Involves violent acts or threats specifically intended to physically harm human life and:
Intimidate, coerce, influence, or disrupt other lawful activity within the state; or
Influence the policy of the state or any political subdivision of the state; or
Involves the use of weapons of mass destruction.

We need this bill for clarification for our law enforcement. The passage of this bill will protect parents, the citizens in our state, and will ensure due process is applied.

This concludes my testimony, and I will stand for questions.