

Good morning,

I am Reverend Edith A. Love, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead. We wish to encourage passage of HB 1537. We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of ALL people. Our church and our faith tradition are firmly in support of HB1537 because it is our position that nobody should ever be subject to threat, harassment, or physical harm that is motivated by prejudice against their race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability. We declare North Dakota as a place of refuge, and we should make that message crystal clear by backing it up with the force of law. Moving here to seek a better life or being brave enough to love openly should not cause people to fear for their safety. We implore you to pass this measure on behalf of love and justice for the citizens of North Dakota. Thank you.