

2/13/23

I encourage the ND House to support HB 1537. I feel strongly that bias crimes in ND need to be addressed and our lawmakers need to take a stand to protect *everyone* who lives in our state.

North Dakota is one of five states without effective hate crime legislation. HB 1537 will help to make sure that hate crimes are accurately recorded and data quantified, that education is provided to law enforcement ensuring accurate identification and processing of hate crimes, and that there are increased penalties when a crime was committed where hate is proven to be the motivator.

Thank you,  
Brenda Weiler