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Testimony to: Political Subdivision Committee
Position: In Favor
Bill: HB 1155

Chairman and Members of the Political Subdivisions Committee,

I am Representative Matt Heilman testifying on my bill HB 1155. There is no doubt our southern border is in complete disarray and that the southern border is overflowing with unchecked immigration. I am here to help protect our state from this ongoing problem in our country.

Our country is being flooded by drugs, sex traffickers, criminals and people who lack the respect of our great country to go through the legal process of entering. We all agree this is not a good scenario with no positives to it. America needs to be made up of Americans. More importantly, America needs to be filled with Americans with respect for our laws, culture, and way of life. Breaking into our country is not meeting that criteria.

The closest sanctuary to us for unlawful citizens is Hennepin County, Minnesota. There is no doubt Minneapolis is having a growing influence in the east side of our state. It is in our state's best interest to be on top of this issue by passing this bill.

Teddy Roosevelt once said "We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

This bill would prevent sanctuaries for unlawful citizens all throughout North Dakota. It is better to be proactive on this issue rather than reactive. It is certainly more feasible to be preventing this problem instead of waiting for it to become a problem and then passing legislation about it.

I respectfully ask for a do pass recommendation from the committee.