



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony Supporting House Bill 1450

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Good morning Chairman Larsen and members of the Senate Industry and Business Committee. My name is Mark Jorritsma and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. We are submitting testimony in support of House Bill 1450 and respectfully request that you issue a “DO PASS” on this bill.

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action recognizes that pregnancy is a process, not an event. It is a process that has long-term impacts on a family’s future – thankfully, positive in the vast majority of cases. However, we also understand that it can be very difficult for the mother to be pregnant, and complications and/or related health issues arise that fall outside of “being pregnant” or giving birth. One example might be a miscarriage. Mothers and their jobs need to be protected in these circumstances, even more so when one considers the number of single female-headed households. This bill would offer that protection.

Our organization supports common sense protections for pregnant mothers. For that reason, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action requests that you render a “DO PASS” on House Bill 1450. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I’ll now be happy to answer any questions you may have.