



# NORTH DAKOTA

## *Family Alliance* LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 2185

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Good afternoon Madam Chair Larson and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. My name is Jacob Thomsen and I am a Policy Analyst with North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of Senate Bill 2185 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this bill.

I come to you today not only on behalf of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action, but also on behalf of the young population of our state. As we all know, the internet is the biggest source of information for our young people by far. We go to the internet for all of our questions. "What temperature does chicken need to be cooked to?" "Can dogs eat bananas?" "Are dragons real?" But we also go to search out more serious topics, such as, "What should I do if I am pregnant?"

At North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action we believe that we, as a state which values life, should help answer that last question. Our state should provide a trustworthy and comprehensive resource of information for women who are pregnant and are not sure what to do, where to go, or how to get answers at a time when things can be uncertain and stressful. This website would include these crucial resources for expectant moms, families, and new parents.

Many other states have websites and resources like this: North Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Texas, and South Dakota, to name a few. We believe that our state should do the same and should provide individuals and families with an incredibly important resource to help guide them and better equip them to navigate the journey that is pregnancy.

Senate Bill 2185 would provide a resource that helps expecting moms, families, and new parents navigate pregnancy. It would be a website that would play a crucial role in facilitating the gift of life. For this reason, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action asks that you please vote Senate Bill 2185 out of committee with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I am happy to stand for any questions.

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