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Do Pass Testimony, SB 2188

Dear Chairwoman Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

As a resident of North Dakota, I write in support of SB 2188. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting a Do Pass recommendation.

Children are precious and vulnerable human beings, and are easily influenced by others, especially in the early formative years. During these early years, parents are responsible to protect their child from harm, and to instill in their child the values, ethics, and duties that will enable that child to become an independent adult.

As educational and medical decisions become more federalized, individual decisions and diversity of thought are increasingly minimized. Various medical interventions have permanent consequences, many of which are not yet recognized. Various classroom topics, including explicit sexual content presented to very young children, may also have permanent and detrimental consequences. In such cases, parents have the right and duty to protect a minor child, allowing the child to mature sufficiently to make an independent decision.

While there might be extreme exceptions, the general welfare of children is best preserved by loving parents who are actively involved in the care and protection of their children. I urge a Do Pass recommendation on this critical bill.

Sincerely,

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