

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 2257

Mark Jorritsma, Executive Director North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action February 1, 2023

Dear Madam Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to testify in support of Senate Bill 2257 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this bill.

Our organization believes that all people are made in the image of God; to be treasured, nurtured, and protected. This is never more true than with our children.

The ND Task Force for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children is an important link in the chain to make progress on this scourge that happens to the most innocent in North Dakota. It is only by acquiring information, distilling that into knowledge, identifying the underlying causes of sexual abuse in our state, and then finding the best way to attack the problem that we will ever make true progress in eliminating this injustice. This task force seeks to do just that and we commend their efforts.

For these reasons, our organization requests that you render a "DO PASS" on Senate Bill 2257 and extend the important work of this task force. For parents, for children, and for generations of North Dakotans to come.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my testimony. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Jorritsma Executive Director