



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony Supporting House Bill 1479

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Dear Chairman Beltz and honorable members of the House Agriculture Committee,

My name is Mark Jorritsma, and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1479 and respectfully request that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

House Bill 1479 would commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of North Dakota on August 17, 1889, and its ratification by vote on October 1, 1889. By passing this bill, it will encourage our state’s citizens to seek greater knowledge and understanding of the North Dakota Constitution by designating October 1st each year as North Dakota Constitution Day.

We recognize the importance of the Constitution of North Dakota and its significance in our daily lives as citizens of this great state. As our state’s governing document, it protects our inalienable rights, free speech, freedom of worship, and defines the role of government. Several of our daily tasks could simply not be undertaken without the protection it offers. Unfortunately, many of our citizens simply don’t understand its critical role in our freedoms; this bill will shine a well-deserved light on this founding document.

For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action requests that you vote “DO PASS” on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and please contact us with any questions.

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