

North Dakota HB 1529

TITLE: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-10-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to resident student tuition for peace corps volunteers.

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To: ND House Agriculture Committee

I strongly support the passing of HB 1529. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers have served the best interests of the United States by using their skills to better the lives of peoples in other countries around the world. I was a volunteer in Costa Rica from 1973 to 1976. I worked in the Ministry of Agriculture as a Plant Pathologist helping with the management of diseases of tropical crops important to the agriculture of Costa Rica. Returned volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge about other countries and cultures back to our state where they share that knowledge with those they interact with here. North Dakota agricultural products are sold on the global market. Fostering our global outreach is beneficial to state Agriculture. This bill will help those Volunteers who wish to further their education in our state University system. That could be a strong incentive for them to remain in North Dakota and pursue their career goals.

Respectfully submitted

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